

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 38 Low: 19
Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of morning snow showers. Partly cloudy tonight.

Treasure Valley

High: 49 Low: 34
Partly cloudy after patchy morning fog. Increasing cloudiness tonight.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 41 Low: 18
Mostly cloudy with a chance of snow above 6,000 feet. Partly cloudy tonight.

Eastern Idaho

High: 46 Low: 26
Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Northern Idaho

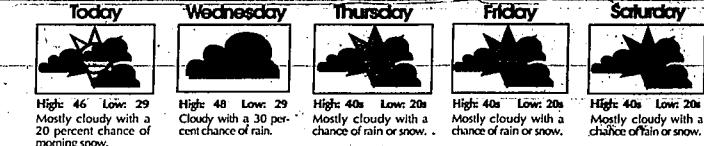
High: 44 Low: 29
Partly sunny after patchy morning fog. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph. Clouds increase tonight.

Northern Utah

High: 49 Low: 32
Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Same for tonight.

Northern Nevada

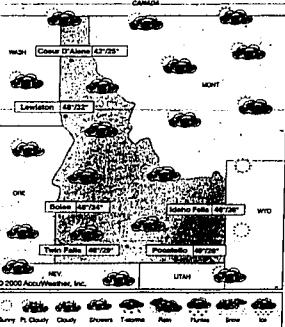
High: 48 Low: 30
Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of morning snow.



Idaho weather

Tuesday, March 7

AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



UV INDEX

Index: 2 (minimal)
Burn time: 60 minutes

ROAD INFORMATION

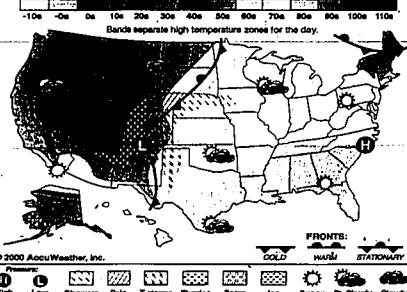
Call the following number for road conditions in Idaho: 1-888-IDA-ROAD (1-888-432-7623).

SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 6:35 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 7:03 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter, March 13; full, March 19; last quarter, March 27; new, April 4.

National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 7.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF FM 162.4 or 162.55 MHz. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/itd/ira/raid/index.html>

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Clear skies dominated the eastern half of the country Monday while a major storm brought heavy rain and snow to Southern California.

The East and South saw mostly clear conditions, and light clouds billowed over the central United States. Southerly winds ahead of a cold front pushed temperatures higher in the Mississippi Valley and southern Plains, Oklahoma, Arkansas and southern Colorado. Temperatures in the 60s and 70s by Monday afternoon.

A potent storm system over the Southwest dumped heavy snow in the mountains of southern

California, southern Utah and Arizona. Accumulations of up to 15 inches were reported above 6,000 feet elevations near San Diego, Brian Head, Utah, picked up 20 inches of snowfall over 24 hours as of late Monday morning. The lower elevations of southern California and Arizona saw light to moderate showers and thunderstorms. Santa Monica, Calif., recorded more than 1.70 inches of rain.

Freezing drizzle and light rain or snow fell in the Pacific Northwest and Montana.

— The Associated Press

Hearings

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Leader in the movement to breach the dams, has attended most of the hearings to date. He said Monday that he expects only a few people from Boise to make the trip Wednesday, but he expects a busload of about 30 people from the Wood River Valley to show up at the Twin Falls hearing.

Others who may come include Shoshone-Paiute Indians from the Duck Valley Indian Reservation on the Idaho-Utah border, representatives from the Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment, a Boise-based group pushing a series of alternatives to breaching; elected officials; and Idaho water users.

The Idaho Water Users Association last month sent out a letter to its members urging them to attend local hearings "to demonstrate a strong commitment to irrigated agriculture and opposition to the continued use of water from the Upper Snake River for flow augmentation."

"It is important that the water community make a strong showing at each one of the hearings," said Sheri Chapman, the association's executive director.

School

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ship-backed bills on the issue.

The third measure, which won the Education Committee's endorsement last week and is awaiting full House action, would mandate development of

Want to be heard?

• Call for a hearing on Salmon Recovery efforts
• What Wednesday
• 8 p.m. — Open house and signups those who wish to comment
• 6:30 p.m. — Public hearing by federal on-site staff
• Question and answer session
• 7:30 p.m. — Public comment begins
• Where: Weston Plaza, Blue Lakes Boulevard North

He complained that environmentalists had packed other hearings around the Northwest, taking time away from local people who may have wanted to comment.

Though he was not aware of any people turned away, some were pulled to a later session, Bossi said. But officials stayed as long as necessary to give everyone a chance to speak.

Nine hearings have been completed so far. The prevailing sentiment at six of those hearings has been in favor of breaching four federal dams on the Lower Snake

River, Bossi said. At the other three hearings the sentiment was more or less evenly divided or against breaching the dams.

At cities such as Pasco and Clarkston, Wash., the hearings have sparked emotional demonstrations.

In Seattle last week, about 450 people turned out to speak. Environmental activists spoke in favor of removing the dams to restore the river to its natural state, about 100 Eastern Washington farmers and politicians arrived by caravan to tell federal agents dam breaching was risky, extreme and unwarranted. A bus chartered by farm groups left Spokane at 4 a.m.

Tuesday and swept through the Columbia Basin, gathering passengers from nearly every town in its path.

One hearing was conducted Monday, two others scheduled for today and one is scheduled for Alaska in addition to the Twin Falls hearing Wednesday. The final hearing is set for Thursday in Alaska.

Most fisheries scientists in the Northwest say recovery efforts must include breaching four federal dams on the lower Snake River.

in southeastern Washington.

Federal officials say if the dams stay in place, they are likely to seek additional water stored in federal irrigation reservoirs — some of which store irrigation water used in southern Idaho. The water would be used to increase flows to benefit salmon in a process known as "flow augmentation."

Idaho Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and most state legislators question whether breaching the dams would recover the fish and say flow augmentation doesn't work. Fish managers instead should focus on habitat improvement, hatchery reform, dam improvements, predator control and increased harvest restrictions.

But 500 Alaskan fishermen who would feel the pinch of those harvest restrictions support breaching the four dams, which Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles has called a "killing field" for endangered salmon.

Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber supports breaching the dams, but the governors of Washington and Montana side with Kempthorne.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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statewide school building safety standards and establish a process for closing schools that pose any "imminent safety hazard."

All three proposals appear likely to win final legislative approval. Monday's votes sending both

bills to the Senate came on the eve of opening arguments in a lawsuit against the state brought by 15 school districts under the banner of Idaho Schools for Educational Opportunity.

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NATION

U.S. Supreme Court tosses out challenge to Clinton's rivers plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected a challenge by Idaho Rep. Helen Chenoweth-Hage and three other Republican members of Congress to President Clinton's authority to provide federal help preserving some rivers and riverside communities.

The court's 9-to-0 decision said that said the four lawmakers had the legal standing to challenge an executive order they contend exceeded the president's authority.

The order, which denied review and was unaccompanied by any additional comment, was a setback for Chenoweth-Hage, Bob Schaffer of Colorado, Don Young of Alaska and Richard Pombo of California.

The Republicans contend that "the president may not adopt a new federal program by means of an executive order because Congress has not de-



Helen Chenoweth-Hage

gated the requisite authority to do so." They said the separation of powers, was at stake.

In rejecting that argument last July, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled that the lawsuit is buried by a 1997 Supreme Court decision. In it, the justices said individual members of Congress lacked the legal standing to go into court and challenge the Line Item Veto Act.

In his 1997 State of the Union address, Clinton announced his intention to create the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. Under

its federal agencies would provide support for local efforts to protect certain historic rivers and river towns.

Chenoweth-Hage, Schaffer and Pombo introduced a bill "to terminate further development and implementation" of the initiative but the bill was never voted on. The president formally established the initiative in September 1997.

The four members of Congress then sued, contending the initiative violates various federal laws and the Constitution.

A federal judge threw out the case, and the appeals court refused to reinstate it.

"The representatives do not allege that the necessary majorities in Congress voted to block" Clinton's initiative, the appeals court said. "They cannot claim their votes were effectively nullified by the machinations of the executive."

Enriched formula could aid brain development

WASHINGTON (AP) — Enriching bottle formula with two essential fatty acids found in mother's milk could cause a significant improvement in the mental development of babies, a new study says.

The supplemented formula does not assure intellectual genius, said researchers at the Retina Foundation of the Southwest in Dallas, but the study does show that adding the fatty acids to bottled formula can

closely mimic the effect of mother's milk on brain development.

Experts said the study, published in the journal Developmental Medicine and Child Neurology, is important because it is the first to show formula supplemented with the fatty acids with formula without the additions. Earlier studies compared straight formula with mother's milk.

The study adds to growing international support for adding

commercial baby formula two fatty acids, docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and arachidonic acid (AA), that are in breast milk.

More than 60 countries have approved supplementing formula with the DHA and AA. Officials with the Food and Drug Administration said the issue is under review and new regulations for U.S. formula makers may be issued within eight months.

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FDA approves asthma controller for young children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Children as young as 2 can try a once-a-day cherry-flavored pill to help prevent asthma attacks, the Food and Drug Administration decided Monday.

The drug Singulair, manufactured by Merck & Co., already is used by adults and older children.

But the FDA approved a slightly higher-dose pill Monday intended for children ages 2 to 5, making Singulair the first asthma prevention therapy for children so young.

Singulair does not treat asthma attacks — patients still must carry their quick-relief medicines.

Singulair is a non-steroid drug that blocks leukotrienes, substances associated with asthma's inflammation problems. Blocking leukotrienes can decrease the number of asthma attacks patients experience.

The 4-milligram tablets will available by prescription by mid-March, with an estimated retail cost of \$77 to \$80 for a month's supply.

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NATION**Rescuers search for missing workers after explosion**

RADFORD, Va. — Anxious relatives waited outside Monday as rescuers searched for two workers missing after an explosion tore apart an industrial plant and killed at least one employee. Six workers were hospitalized.

"There's a lot of twisted metal everywhere you look," Fire Chief Lee Sampson said following the blast Sunday night in New River Casting, a plant that makes engine parts. Families of the two missing women waited outside the plant today as dogs from Fairfax County's search and rescue team were being brought in to search the rubble.

Officers found guilty of obstruction in torture case

NEW YORK — Three white officers were convicted Monday of conspiring to cover up an officer's role in the precinct house torture of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima.

A federal court jury reached its verdict on the fourth day of deliberations in the second trial stemming from the 1997 incident that horrified an already race-conscious city. The case went to the jury less than a week after four other white officers were acquitted in another racially charged case: the February 1999 shooting death of African immigrant Amadou Diallo.

Former officers Charles Schwarz, 34, and officers Thomas Wiese, 37, and Thomas Bruder, 34, were found guilty of conspiracy to obstruct justice. They could be sentenced to five years in prison.

Children return to school for first time since shooting

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Greeted by teddy bears and extra security, Buell Elementary School children returned to class Monday for the first time since a first-grader was shot to death in her classroom.

Children and parents alike expressed fears at first about returning to school where 6-year-old Kaitlyn Bullock was killed Feb. 29, allegedly by another first-grader. Room 6, where the shooting occurred, had been cleaned and repainted.

Trauma counselors with teddy bears were in each room to help the children, and by the lunch break, some children were skipping on the sidewalk out front.

Plain clothes and uniformed police officers were inside and outside the school. School Superintendent Ira Rutherford said officials wanted to increase security without having too strong a police presence and scaring the children.

Pediatrics group advises early violence counseling

CHICAGO (AP) — Pediatricians should talk to children about guns and anger during routine check-ups and look for the warning signs of violence, the American Academy of Pediatrics says in new guidelines prompted by bloodshed among youngsters.

Along with performing routine procedures like measuring height and weight, pediatricians should talk about issues such as gun safety, anger management and gangs, and look for signs of poor self-esteem or depression that could make a child prone to violence, the academy says.

Survivors want U.S. to start compensation talks

WASHINGTON — Korean survivors of the mass killing by U.S. soldiers Monday urged the American government to speed up its probe and begin negotiating compensation and an apology.

And they've hired an expert on Holocaust compensation to press their demands.

Nation in brief**Defense chief makes first Vietnam visit since the war**

WASHINGTON — William Cohen will travel to Vietnam next week, becoming the first American secretary of defense to visit the Southeast Asian nation since the Vietnam War, the Pentagon said Monday. The

Pentagon released no details of Cohen's visit, but a senior official said he would visit Ho Chi Minh City, the capital, and Ho Chi Minh City, known as Saigon before it fell to the North Vietnamese Army in April 1975.

Rock bands inducted into rock hall of fame

NEW YORK — Eric Clapton, whose solo career has veered between pop hits and blues explo-

rations, was set to join the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for the third time Monday. His fellow inductees included Bonnie Raitt, James Taylor, Earth, Wind & Fire. Sixties hit-makers like Lovin' Spoonful, doo-wop pioneers The Moonglows and embattled music executive Clive Davis were also to be inducted in a ceremony at New York's Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

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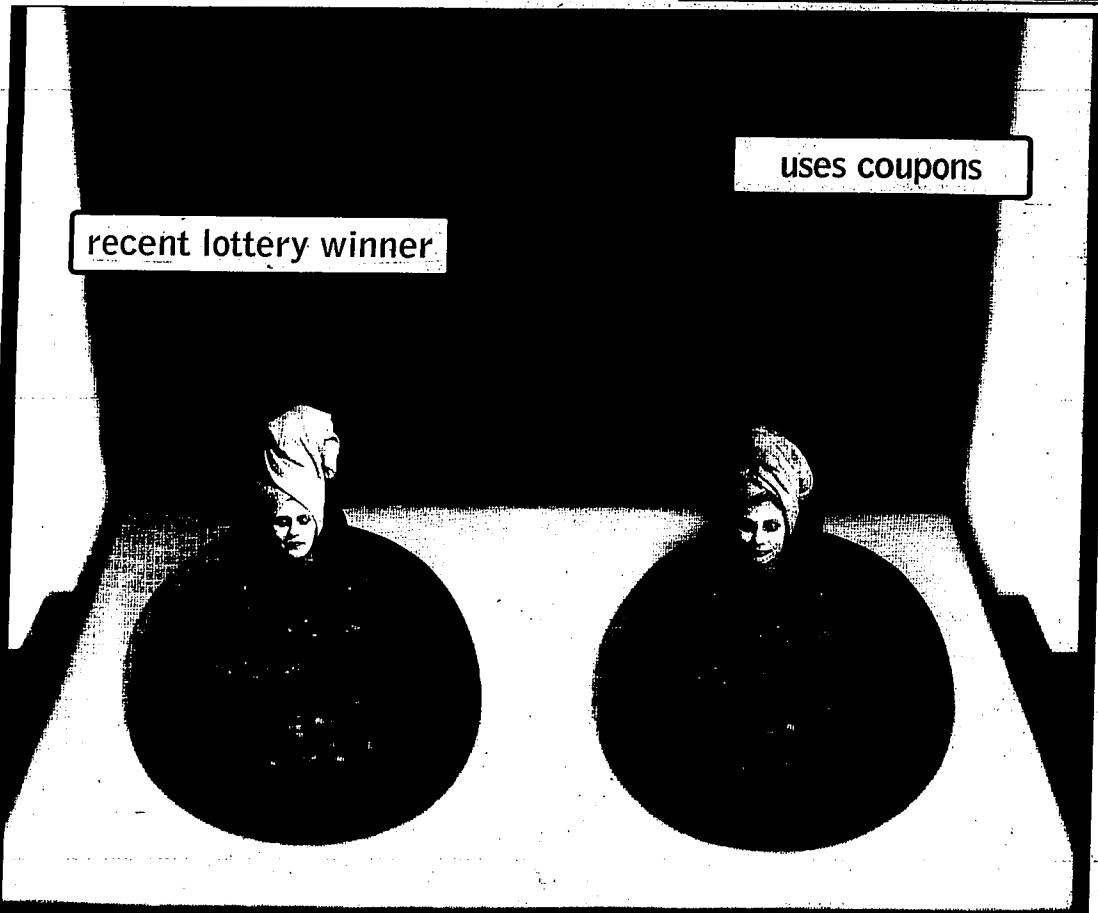
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TRM copy centers head to Albertson's

PORTLAND, Ore. — Photocopies and fliers can be on the same shopping list.

TRM Corp., a convenience ATM and photocopy company, said Monday it signed an exclusive, three-year contract with Albertson's Inc. to place TRM CopyCenters at all of the grocery chain's locations, including those in the Magic Valley.

Boise-based Albertson's has about 2,500 locations with plans to expand that number to more than 3,700 in the next two years. The total value of the deal is expected to reach \$12.9 million in gross revenue, TRM said.

TRM said it has provided convenience CopyCenters to retailers since 1981. The company owns and operates more than 35,000 CopyCenters and more than 500 ATMs in retail locations in North America and Europe. The retailer provides the space for the CopyCenters, TRM takes care of maintenance, supplies, parts, paper, signs and reporting. It requires no capital investment on the part of the retailer.

"We win with increased foot traffic, our customers win with a very affordable copy service, and TRM wins by working with one of the largest food and drug chains in the country," said Chuck Hanson, Albertson's financial programs implementation manager.

Kmart earning a jump, beating estimates

TROY, Mich. — Kmart Corp. on Monday said fourth-quarter profits jumped 17 percent to top Wall Street estimates, helped by a \$1.1 billion store-conversion program.

"The Troy-based company with stores in Twin Falls and Burley posted earnings of \$412 million, or 42 cents a share, compared with \$35 million, or 65 cents, a year earlier, easily beating the 69 cents expected by analysts polled by First Call Corp."

"Sales for the period rose 6.8 percent to \$11.1 billion from \$10.4 billion. Comparable-store sales during the quarter were up 3.7 percent."

Kmart attributed the jump in earnings to a store conversion completed last year that put in place its "Big Box" store design, featuring an expanded selection of merchandise, in nearly 1,900 Kmart stores nationwide.

The company also said it acquired 100 independent assortments and expanded exclusive brands such as Thom McAn, Route 66, Sesame Street and Martha Stewart Everyday Home, baby and garden products. It also launched BlueLight.com, which offers free Internet access, in association with Internet portal School.com.

For the full year, Kmart posted operating earnings of \$633 million, or 61 cents per diluted share, up from \$518 million, or \$4.01, a year earlier. Sales rose 6.8 percent to \$35.9 billion, with comparable-store sales up 4.8 percent in 1999.

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— MONITORING PROSPERITY —



Two traders look up at a monitor from the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday. The nation's remarkable prosperity will be at risk unless supply and demand are brought into balance, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Monday. Wall Street was not panicked by his remarks. For story, see page A-7.

Boise Cascade raises the proposed price of shares

BOISE — Boise Cascade Corp. said Monday it has made a proposal to the board of directors of Boise Cascade Office Products Corp. to acquire the minority public shares of BOP for \$16.50 per share in cash.

This represents a significant increase over the initial proposal of \$13.25 per share, which was rejected Dec. 1 and subsequently rejected by BOP's special committee.

"It represents an attractive investment that is consistent with our focus on growing our distribution businesses," said Boise Cascade's chairman of the board and chief executive officer George J. Harad. "I want to emphasize that we are not prepared to pay more than \$16.50 per share. We believe very strongly that this price is more than fair to the BOP shareholders."

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The proposed transaction is contingent on approval by the special committee and BOP's full board of directors, and by Boise Cascade's board of directors.

Clear Channel to sell 72 stations, but none locally

NEW YORK — Clear Channel Communications Inc. said Monday it has agreed to sell 72 of its radio stations in 27 markets — not including any of its Magic Valley interests — in a

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move to win regulatory approval for its purchase of AMFM Inc., a deal which will form the world's largest radio company.

SAN ANTONIO-based Clear Channel acquired the second-largest U.S. radio broadcaster, said it will sell 18 stations to Infinity Broadcasting Corp., a unit of CBS Corp., for \$1.4 billion.

Atlanta-based Cox Radio Inc. said it will buy seven of the stations for \$380 million. Other buyers include privately held Blue Chase Radio Partners and Cumulus Media Inc., Clear Channel said.

Clear Channel said the proposed sales are contingent on the closing of its AMFM acquisition, which will give it a total of 830 radio stations.

Clear Channel will also become the top U.S. live entertainment company following its \$4.4 billion acquisition of SFX Entertainment Inc., announced last week.

In Twin Falls, Clean Channel has ties to country radio station KEZJ-FM, news and talk station KLIX-AM and oldies station KLIX-FM.

Pioneering female exec retires from J.C. Penney

PLANO, Texas — Gale Duff-Bloom, who made diversity and advancement for women a priority

U S West fumes over Qwest's attempt to bring in third party

Combined wire reports

DENVER — Qwest Communications Inc., which has a deal to merge with U S West, confirmed it is talking to another major telecommunications company about a deal to combine all three companies.

Qwest shares dropped 6.7 percent Monday morning after the company put out a statement denying that it had been holding talks about being acquired but had no intention of striking a deal without U S West's consent.

Denver-based Qwest issued a statement Sunday night confirming the discussions without identifying the company, which is reported to be Deutsche Telekom AG. The statement said Denver billionaire Philip Anschutz, Qwest's principal shareholder, would support a deal with the unidentified company.

U S West, the Denver-based Baby Bell that offers local phone service in the Magic Valley, threatened last week to sue Qwest if it backs out of its agreement, which was announced in July and is worth \$56 billion.

"We have recently been informed that Qwest has had conversations with a major

telecommunications company," U S West General Counsel Mark Roellig said in a statement Sunday. "As we indicated last week, these conversations were conducted without our approval and we do not have any knowledge of the status or substance of the conversations."

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comment today on whether it was in talks with Qwest. But over the weekend, chief executive Ron Sommer said in an interview with Germany's Die Welt newspaper that his company is planning a takeover soon. He said the U.S. market is very important for Deutsche Telekom.

When U S West and Qwest first announced their deal, they promised to create a powerful telecommunications company with customers in 14 states and an aggressive Internet strategy.

But Nacchio has been quoted in recent newspaper reports saying the deal might not be completed. He has expressed concern about U S West's conflicts with regulators in some states, including Colorado where it was ordered to refund \$12.7 million to customers for lapses in quality of service.

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West Chairman Joseph Nacchio said Sunday the merger agreement with U S West is still in place and Qwest will not enter into any transaction with the other company unless U S West also agrees to be acquired by the third company.

Deutsche Telekom would not

ority at J.C. Penney Co., is retiring April 1 after 31 years with the Plano-based retailer which has stores in Twin Falls and Burley.

Duff-Bloom's career at Penney includes several firsts.

She was the first woman promoted to senior vice president, director of personnel and investor relations manager.

Duff-Bloom was also among the first female store managers and the first woman named to the executive management committee.

As director of personnel at Penney in the 1990s, Duff-Bloom started several policies that removed barriers for women seeking promotions and brought Penney national recognition, including the Catalyst Award in 1995. The national award is given to corporations for their efforts to break the glass ceiling for women.

Today, Penney's chief operating officer, president of merchandising for stores and catalog, and the presidents of four merchandise divisions (home, children's, women's apparel and men's apparel) are all women.

Most of those promotions happened this year.

"Although it's difficult to leave so many beloved colleagues, it has been a privilege to be part of the company's move towards diversity," said Duff-Bloom.

MGM Grand reaches deal to buy Mirage Resorts

LAS VEGAS — MGM Grand Inc. has agreed to buy controlled by billionaire Kirk Kerkorian.

He said Monday it has reached an agreement with Mirage Resorts Inc. to buy the company for a total of \$6.4 billion in cash and debt, creating one of the biggest casino operators in the world.

MGM Grand said it had raised its earlier offer of \$17 a share for Mirage to \$21 per share, and that it will also assume \$2 billion in debt, valued at \$2 billion.

The latest offer for Mirage, which rejected MGM's initial bid late last month, represents a 32 percent premium to the company's closing price Friday.

Investors welcomed the deal between the Las Vegas-based firms. In morning trade Monday on the New York Stock Exchange, shares of Mirage, which had run up 12 percent, owned by co-founder Steve Wynn, jumped 19.29 percent.

Following the deal the two companies will control more than half of the high-end casino business along the famed Las Vegas Strip — a popular destination for vacationing Magic Valley residents — and boast annual revenues of nearly \$3.8 billion.

As a result of this acquisition, MGM Grand will have achieved a dream combination that creates unquestionably the premier company in the gaming industry," said J. Terrence Lanni,

chairman of MGM Grand.

New Hemingway furniture on the retail horizon

CHICAGO — Furniture Brands International will introduce 50 to 60 additional pieces of furniture to its successful Ernest Hemingway Collection in April.

To date, the line is selling "a lot north of expectations" and is proving to be "a very profitable" group for the corporation, according to Furniture Brands' chairman Mickey Holliman.

Holliman, also the company's chief executive officer, said the Hemingway collection would be focused around another period in the life of the famed writer — former Wood River Valley resident — that wasn't captured in the initial "Kenya," "Key West," "Ketchum" and "Havana" pieces comprising the first 80-some items introduced May 1.

"The line's expansion will be a major, major presentation in April," Holliman said.

"This collection of products is tracking at retail north of \$100 million in its first year of launch," Holliman added. "We believe the furniture industry has never seen (a collection's) initial year performance like this before. With two months to go before the anniversary of Hemingway's debut, we think there is a chance it can reach as high as \$120 million at retail."

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EDITORIAL

Damn the predictions! Tax cut for all ahead!

What's a conservative Legislature to do?

Idaho lawmakers must decide what to do with the biggest budget surplus in a decade — \$65 million. Many of them are leaning toward a tax cut. Why shouldn't they? That's what conservative Republicans do after all the bills are paid.

And the bills will be paid when the Legislature adjourns in the next few weeks. Lawmakers are preparing to adopt the largest budget in Idaho history. The biggest single item in that budget will be more money than ever for public education.

These are budget increases, not budget cuts. It is more money, not less.

But the increases aren't big enough to satisfy the education establishment, their Democratic legislator-servants, and a few members of the press corps. To them, anything less than the full amount of a request is somehow a budget "cut."

It's like asking your boss for a \$2-an-hour raise, but you get a \$1-an-hour raise. Has your pay been cut? No.

The same semantic shell game is being played on a grand scale in the Statehouse. Special interest groups and some journalists suggest that lawmakers are committing political suicide if they don't fund requests for budget increases at 100 percent.

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predictions of a political
meltdown as they consider
a tax cut.*

Anything less, the pundits suggest, and voters will see the current Legislature as the Grinch that stole Christmas.

The implication is that a cheapskate image in the midst of a budget surplus would turn the tables on skinflint Republicans. It would spark a Democratic renaissance, the logic goes. Political paradigms would shift, the underclasses would awaken and the monster would be loose! Zork! Biff! Pow!

Hogwash.

The Legislature's intent is simple and non-disruptive: Give tax cuts to all, not special favors to a few.

Idaho legislators soon will adopt the biggest budget in Idaho history, with more money for public education than ever. After that, they should save some of the money that's left over to solve future problems. When all that has been accomplished, state lawmakers should give the rest back in the form of a tax cut.

The cut may not be big, but it will be appreciated.

Conservative legislators shouldn't be cowed by predictions of a political meltdown. They should fund essential services, save a little for a rainy day, and give the rest back. That's what conservative leadership is all about.

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LETTERS

Judge appears soft on crime

I, like most of Magic Valley, am appalled at the sentence handed down on Jesse Thrush by Judge Meehl. I know of another case in which he presided that is another example of his wisdom and consistency. He handed down a jail sentence on a serious offender of the law.

The history of this case goes back to a DUI conviction handed down in June 1996. This person entered a plea of guilty, lost her driving privileges for 90 days, jail time suspended and fined \$366.50. A no-proof-of-insurance charge was dismissed. In September 1997, she was again arrested and entered a plea of guilty to a second DUI in Elmore County. She lost her driving privileges for one year, fined \$678.50 with 90 days jail time. All but 10 days was suspended. She was to serve 10 days in jail in Twin Falls, as she had done before, within five months and go to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, none of which were done.

On May 31, 1999, once again she was arrested in Twin Falls on a warrant from Elmore County for not carrying out her sentence. She returned to Elmore County and lied her way out of serving jail time by telling stories of community services she had been doing, which was totally untrue. So, for the second time, she escaped sentencing in Elmore County.

In April 1999, her driver privileges were taken from her for failure to maintain insurance. She received the loss of privileges from April 20, 1999, to Nov. 12, 2001.

Now for the clincher — September 1999, she was arrested for the third felony DUI and driving without privileges. She entered a plea of guilty to this, the third DUI in just over three years, to Judge Meehl. He dropped the driving-without-privileges charge, took her driver's license away, which she didn't have anyway, and gave her four years — all suspended!

In my opinion, there seems to be some-

thing wrong with this. This person has never served jail time after three DUIs and obviously does not pay any attention to the laws when it comes to driving without privileges or driving under the influence.

I'm afraid it is just a matter of time before this woman kills someone. I am wondering how Judge Meehl will deal with this travesty of justice should it happen!

SHERYL PACKHAM
Twin Falls

Let punishment fit the offense

I am wondering why a community like Twin Falls sees no problem with punishing a kid that streaks through a pep assembly, yet a cop that kills an innocent baby deserves a second chance. The kid may have offended someone, but he was permanently damaged or killed! That cop was banished from the school as if he had committed a crime. The worst punishment for him would have been facing all those students that saw him naked.

Maybe the judge that thinks the killer sheriff's deputy should write a paper should be the school principal and the school principal should be a criminal judge. They obviously are not currently in the correct jobs. I do believe in responsibility and accountability for all. In Twin Falls, however, it seems that the kid should be punished for his actions and behavior than a trusted officer of the law.

Killers write papers on why they did what they did and high school students are banished from school for poor judgment. Sure, he can continue the education he is entitled to by law, but it must be somewhere else, yet the killer sheriff's deputy should be able to keep his job. Can a felon carry a gun? That's news to me.

It seems some people have a bass ackward way of dealing with punishment!

DEENA LYON
Tucson, Ariz.

Imported food can be dangerous

"One billion pounds of imported contaminated products hit the shelves of American grocery stores last year," (The Environmental Working Group)

America has the safest food supply in the world, so why are increasing numbers of Americans getting sick from food that is approved by U.S. regulatory agencies?

The safety of America's food supply is at serious risk because of World Trade Organization quotas and a WTO ruling that makes it illegal for a government to ban a product based on the way it is produced.

Imported produce sampled by the Environmental Working Group, a nonprofit organization dedicated to safe food, showed that adulteration rates are incredibly high. Nearly 49 percent of the peas imported from Korea were contami-

nated with illegal pesticides.

The hamburger you are feeding your children probably represents meat from five different countries because of a packing industry practice called blending.

It is 99 percent certain that the imported meat was not inspected, and the slice of tomato on top of that meat is likely from Mexico or Central America and has not been checked for contaminants. According to figures from a U.S. Department of Agriculture watchdog group, it stands a 49 percent chance of being contaminated with illegal pesticides and herbicides.

When I purchase new tools, I can read right on them where they were produced, but when I buy food for my family, I have no idea where it was produced. You, the consumer, have no choice between safe American products and potentially con-

thing for which he faulted Robertson and Falwell.

The uproar gave McCain what one Republican consultant called "the four worst days of his campaign." But his Bush's focus into the thicket of religion and politics ruined everyone of some importance.

Americans welcome the sight of their presidents—or presidential candidates seeking spiritual counsel. As the irrepressible Liz Carpenter, Lady Bird Johnson's press secretary, famously observed of the 1968 White House transition, "The Johnsons left, the Nixons came, and Billy Graham stayed."

But voters do not want their presidents taking orders from preachers or rabbis or priests—or going to war against prominent clergymen. That's why Robertson was written off by John Kennedy in the 1960 campaign—a race in which attack on the tenets of his Catholic faith were far more scurrilous than anything to which McCain was subjected this year.

At the height of the uproar, Kennedy addressed a large gathering of Protestant clergymen at the Houston Ministerial Association. He did not attack his critics, but instead stated his principles so clearly as to shame them.

"I believe, as firmly as any American, in the equality of man, whether Catholic, Protestant nor Jewish—where no public official either requests or accepts instructions on public policy from the pope, the National Council of Churches or any other ecclesiastical source—where no religious body seeks to impose its will directly or indirectly upon the general populace or the public acts of its officials—and where religious liberty is so indissoluble that an act against one church is treated as an act against all."

With the religious issue arises, it is the Kennedy answer that politicians should remember.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

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nated foreign food. Unlike 32 other countries, we have no "country of origin" labeling law.

Twenty-two percent of our beef comes from a foreign country, yet the USDA has inspected less than 1 percent of it. The USDA seal is applied to all meats, regardless of where they are produced.

There is an effort in Congress to address this problem, but it has been handicapped by strong opposition from Clinton administration promoters of expanded global commerce and the packing industry's "captive" USDA support of the packing industry, contending that country-of-origin labeling would be too expensive for the industry.

Which is more valuable, the new global economy or your child's life?

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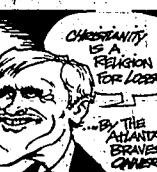
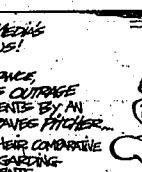
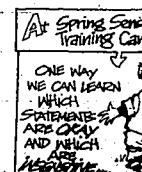
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LETTER

Spread the cost of schools

The school board is condemned in the Wendell Middle School, let's condemn the whole building why stop there, let's condemn the whole town.

I'm in busy paying extra taxes to fix up schools, my house is going where? So how deep do you people think property owners' pockets are? If we could just get some time to get their hands out of our pockets and come up with a reasonable way for everyone to pay their fair share, perhaps we, too, could live the American dream.

We as property owners have scrimped and saved to own something of our own home and to "fix" things. Now we have to pay for erosion.

We don't mind paying a fair share of taxes or even paying for someone else's children to go to school. We do mind that in the six years we have lived in Idaho, our property taxes have doubled.

We don't need an election year tax break. It will only come back in the following year. If Mr. Kempthorne is so intent on making education his No. 1 priority, why

doesn't he take the state's growing cash surplus and put it where it needs to be - in the schools?

We are sitting on some property that has some of the highest property taxes in Gooding County. We have no fire protection, no police protection, no curbs, no gutters, no sidewalks, no trees (what we do not want), and yet we got a real dandy street paved so even my dogs

won't walk on it. What do we get out of this? The privilege of paying higher taxes so we can spend it for everything else?

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property taxes went up more than \$100 a month. We will have to move if this keeps up, and I sure hope we can find a buyer who can afford to buy this house, not because it's a nice home but because the property taxes are out of sight.

Everyone needs to pay for the schools, put some more taxes on gas, make a toll road out of the freeway - something. I got it, let's

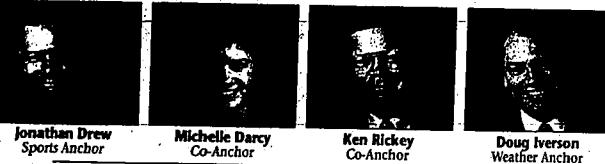
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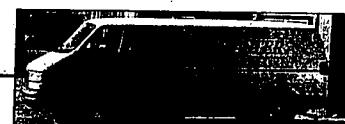
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WORLD**Albright draws applause, eggs in visit to homeland**

PRACTICE, Czech Republic
Secretary of State Madeleine Albright urged Eastern Europeans on Monday to play a bigger role in bringing democracy to Serbia, after drawing applause and a barrage of hurled eggs with her message to a university audience that freedom requires financial sacrifice.

Albright, visiting the land of her birth, delivered a speech Monday at Tomas Masaryk University in Brno in which she referred to a pledge by Czech President Vaclav Havel on Sunday to cancel a \$30 million sale of cooling duct parts by a Czech company to Iran's Bushehr nuclear power plant. Albright said halting the spread of nuclear weapons technology "is not without cost."

Russia court rules in favor of presidential candidate

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's Supreme Court ruled today that controversial nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky must be allowed to run in presidential elections March 26 despite alleged financial irregularities.

Zhirinovsky, a flamboyant politician whose popularity has waned in recent years, was barred from the race by the Central Election Commission for allegedly misporting his assets during the registration process.

The Supreme Court had earlier rejected Zhirinovsky's appeal that the alleged irregularity — omitting property belonging to his son from a registration form — did not matter because the property was an insignificant part of his total worth.

Sokolova said the ruling judge in the case had not disclosed the reason behind the reversal.

Lawyer argues Lloyd's of London concealed billions

LONDON — Lloyd's of London, one of the most trusted names in insurance, duped investors by concealing \$6.3 billion in claims from asbestos-related illnesses while reserving a tiny fraction of that amount — for them, a lawyer argued Monday.

In his opening statement, attorney Simon Goldblatt charged that Lloyd's executives, faced with massive liabilities and desperately in need of funds, persuaded potential investors in the early 1980s that Lloyd's was a well-regulated and prudent place for them to put their money.

Instead, Lloyd's lost \$1.6 billion from 1988 to 1992, causing financial ruin to many investors, known as the bondholders. About 30 names, unable to cope with their share of the losses, have committed suicide over the past several years.

War veterans defy orders to vacate Zimbabwe farms

HARARE, Zimbabwe — War veterans and illegal squatters occupied at least 214 white-owned farms across Zimbabwe on Monday, defying government orders to return home. Over the past week, squatters armed with axes, spears, clubs and some guns broke down fences and gates and

Japanese trial explores gender, social issues

TOKYO (AP) — Like many Japanese women, Misako Yamada felt under social pressure to be good to her husband and his mother, even the woman who infuriated her by treating her so coldly. Yamada's silent hatred grew so great, prosecutors say, that she strangled the woman's 2-year-old daughter with a scarf in a public restroom.

Yamada's trial, which opened Monday, has riveted Japan, raising disturbing questions about Japan's male-dominated society where women are often trapped in mundane routines, become overly preoccupied with the achievements of their children. More than 800 people waited in line to draw lots for 58 spectators' seats in the Tokyo District Court.

World in brief

seized homesteads from white settlers, farmers' leaders said.

President Robert Mugabe plans to redistribute the land provision in 30 days as an amendment to the current constitution.

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Section B

AROUND THE VALLEY

Authorities track down 14 who fled

HOLLISTER - A traffic stop Saturday morning turned into a manhunt after 14 people ran from their van into the sagebrush around U.S. Highway 93.

The trouble began around 8:30 a.m. when Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy Party Barth pulled the van over about 20 miles north of the Nevada border, a sheriff's office news release said.

Shortly after the stop all 14 occupants got out and ran east. Sheriff's deputies, Idaho State Police and U.S. Border Patrol officers searched the area, but it wasn't until about 4 p.m. that three of the people were spotted south of Nat-Soo-Pah Hot Springs, the release said.

Using all-terrain vehicles, deputies soon found the other 11 men. They were all taken into custody, the release said.

Lost snowmobilers spend cold night out in the wild

FAIRFIELD - Three teen-age snowmobilers were found Monday morning after being stranded overnight in the wilderness.

On Sunday the trio took two snowmobiles into the mountains about 10 miles northeast of Fairfield. While they were out a snowstorm blew in and disoriented them, Camas County Sheriff Harold Lee said.

Then they got lost and ran out of gas, he said.

A search team including a helicopter and an airplane went out Monday morning, and the teens were found at around 11:30 a.m., he said.

To survive through the night, Randy Cottrell, Tanner Butler and Shana Myers built a fire to stay warm, and they were all OK when they were found, Lee said.

City approves sewage plant expansion contract

TWIN FALLS - The City Council approved an engineering contract with CH2M Hill for the expansion of the city's sewage treatment plant Monday.

The estimated cost of engineering services for the first phase of the project is \$1.7 million, the contract says. City Engineer Gary Young said the contract is contingent on approval from the state Division of Environmental Quality.

Expansion of the city's sewage plant in the Snake River Canyon is expected to cost \$7.4 million. The city received bids from \$6 million to \$6.7 million. The city will pay for the expansion with an \$8 million state loan. The total cost of the project is expected to take 45 days.

In other city business, the City Council approved an agreement between the city and Bob Latham Sr. and Bob Latham Jr. to develop a car rental and sales business on nine acres in the 600 block of Pole Line Road.

Hagerman looks for ways to improve looks of city

HAGERMAN - A Hagerman Revitalization Committee meeting will be held Wednesday to discuss plans for sprucing up town.

Anyone who wants to share their ideas can attend. Participants are not limited to city residents. Revitalization committee members say they hope growth and economic development will result as secondary benefit of the project.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Hagerman Elementary School multipurpose room.

For more information call Connie Barrett at 837-6153 or Tina Boudic at 837-6631.

Dental assisting program opens open house at CSI

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho's dental assisting program invites the public and prospective students to an open house during Dental Assistants Recognition Week.

The event will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Thursday in the CSI Aspen, building.

CSI dental assisting instructor

Tanja Boucwt said the theme of the event is "Together, Making a Health of Difference." High school health students and area dental office employees are also being invited to visit CSI's facilities Saturday.

There will be door prizes, refreshments and a display of the plans for the dental assisting program.

For information, call Tanja Boucwt at 733-0554, Ext. 2186.

Compiled from staff reports

Senate approves new CAFO restrictions

By Michael Journeé
Times-News writer

BOISE - A measure designed to hold off new animal feeding operations' feed lots was approved handily Monday despite concerns that the tough restrictions may keep the operations out of Idaho altogether.

Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo, has been working on the measure since last summer and has modified it several times

since it made its appearance in Senate committee more than a month ago. Monday's 24-10 vote sends the bill to the House for deliberation and vote.

Darrington said the bill, designed to give local officials authority and the option of using state technical support to determine whether a huge hog facility, such as the 50,000-sow facility planned for eastern Cassia County—is a suitable addition to the county's business community.

Cassia County has twice extended a

moratorium, first imposed last spring, on large-scale livestock operations in an attempt to study the issue more and get some kind of guidance from the state on how to handle them.

"When they come into your county, and then night, and buy up a large chunk of land," Darrington said to his colleagues Monday, "you're going to find out what politics is all about. This is a hugely divisive issue."

If a county chooses the legislative policy

over using its own zoning ordinances, an eight-member panel would review the hog farm proposal — half the members from the local area and half from the state. Environmental and location restrictions would apply, and operators would have to provide financial assurance that they can pay for the environmental cleanup if the farm closes. The panel would make its recommendation to state environmental regulators, who would either approve or reject

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MEASURING UP



Austin Murray measures his height against a tower he built with building blocks at the day-care center at the College of Southern Idaho. The center was accredited last year by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Searching for the very best child care

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For many parents the drive to work includes a stop at day care to drop off youngsters, but few guidelines exist to ensure the children receive the quality care they need in a parent's absence.

Some child care centers in the Magic Valley are measuring

their services against a high standard by voluntarily

seeking accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children based in Washington D.C.

"They are not only the pre-matured ones, but also the oldest," said Chris Carter, a spokeswoman for Idaho's J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation.

The private foundation offered grants money with the goal of tripling from 13 to 30 the number of accredited early childhood centers in the state between 1998 and the end of this year, Carter said. About 20 centers now are accredited, she said.

The Albertson grant brought about \$32,000 to south central Idaho to help centers seek accreditation, said Julie Doneen, an early childhood education instructor at the College of Southern Idaho and the local grant director. That includes help with documentation requirements, staff training needs, or grant money to pay for upgrades to play areas, equipment, curricular materials, or other needs.

A handful of South Central

Tips on spotting good child care

For more information or to find accredited centers in local communities, call the center at 1-800-424-2460 or link directly to the center's computer website by visiting The Times-News Online at www.magicvalley.com.

For help locally, call the College of Southern Idaho at 733-9554, Ext. 2172.

Mark's high-quality child care

The National Association for the Education of Young Children identifies the following characteristics of quality child care:

Q Are the children in the program generally comfortable, relaxed, and happy, and involved in play and other activities? Would your child enjoy this setting?

Q Are there sufficient numbers of adults with specialized training in early childhood development and education?

The younger the child, the more individualized attention is needed.

At least two teachers for each group of children is recommended: Infants should be in groups of no more than six to eight infants; 2- and 3-year-olds in groups of 10 to 14 children; and 4- and 5-year-olds in groups of 18 to 20 children.

Q Do adult expectations vary app-

riately for children of differing ages and interests? Teachers and caregivers should recognize and respect individual differences in children's abilities, interests and preferences.

Q Are all areas of a child's development stressed equally? Quality programs help children learn how to learn by teaching them to question why and discover alternative answers; to get along with others; and to develop their developing language, thinking and motor skills.

Q Does the center regularly plan and evaluate the program? Planning should reflect the interests of children between vigorous outdoor play and quiet indoor play, with activities that are child-initiated as well as teacher directed.

Q Are parents welcome to observe, discuss policies, make suggestions, and participate in the work of the program?

Q Are staff alert to the health and safety of young children and of themselves? Good hygiene, nutrition, current medical and emergency records, an outdoor play area and safe equipment, working smoke detectors, and emergency procedures set by staff and children are among the requirements for accredited centers.

Accreditation gives a stamp of approval to a center's total program but emphasizes the reality that the quality of interaction with teachers and the appropriateness of the curriculum, Health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications, physical environment, and administration all are reviewed but the most consideration goes to the nature of the child's experience.

Accreditation is the national association's seal.

Hopkins said since its self-study, the CSI center has added parent-teacher conferences each semester to discuss a child's development; training all staff members how to use fire extinguishers and communicate with infants and toddlers during diaper changing to promote interaction and language skills.

"It gives us an opportunity to look at things very critically, and as a team, and take action as a team," she said.

Mary Hopkins, coordinator of the CSI Child Care Center, said

she thinks parents are leading nationwide push for quality child care thanks to efforts to educate them about what young stars need during the early years of development. The college's child care center serves children of CSI students and acts as a model program for the state and community, Hopkins said.

Accreditation required the center to undergo a series of reviews, but an outside observer to affirm its conclusions and earn approval from an accrediting panel in Washington D.C. The process validated the center's services including its strengths in the areas of curriculum, nutrition and a large outdoor play area, Hopkins said.

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Man gets at least 25 years for shooting

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

JEROME - The scar on his chest reminds Jerome County Sheriff's deputy Stuart Smith every day of how lucky he is to be alive. If not for a bullet-proof vest, the bullet that tore into his shirt would have done a lot more damage.

The man who fired the bullet will be reminded of what he did for at least the next 25 years. That's the long sentence Erik Buchanan will have to serve in prison before parole.

Buchanan was sentenced Monday for shooting Smith, deputy Dan Hamrick and Ken Barrett during Sept. 19 rampage outside his Jerome house.

District Judge Nathan Higer sentenced Buchanan Monday to at least 25 years in prison. He could serve up to 50 years before being released. Higer also fined Buchanan \$3,000 and ordered him to pay \$14,895 in restitution.

The sentence breaks down to two terms of 10 to 20 years each for shooting the two deputies and one term of five to 10 years for shooting Barrett. The sentences will run consecutively.

A lesser sentence would have depreciated the seriousness of the crime, one that Buchanan had several chances to end before it escalated, Higer said.

"There's no one to blame for that incident but yourself," Higer told Buchanan after sentencing. "You were in control ... These are the consequences."

John Lohr, a Pro-secutor John Lohr, which called the sentence excellent. He hoped the sentence, which matched his recommendation, would send the message that people should think twice before using a gun in a crime, he said.

Buchanan's parents thought the sentence was too much.

"I expected him to do some time, but I never expected it to be this much," father Kirk Buchanan said. "He's going to be older than I am when he gets out."

During the sentencing hearing, Buchanan's mother, Robyn Gould testified that her son never showed signs of violence or anti-social behavior, and she couldn't believe what her son was charged with.

"I'm totally shocked," she said. "He's always been non-violent ... Erik's always been extremely kind."

The psychologist who evaluated Buchanan, Richard Smith, determined that Buchanan was not anti-social but had problems with low self-esteem, which might have contributed to the outburst, he said.

In asking for a five- to 15-year prison term, defense lawyer Mark Johnson said Buchanan didn't plan to do what he did and that "Erik was out of control."

A maximum sentence of 15 years would give Buchanan a chance to continue leading the productive life he led before the

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Water fight: Ruling expected on conflict of interest issue

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The state's water judge is expected to rule this week on a motion to disqualify himself.

The Nez Perce Tribe has asked that Stu District Judge Barry Wood disqualify himself from any

decision relating to the tribe's water rights. Wood presides over the Snake River Basin.

The tribe says Wood and his family members' water rights claims would be affected by his rulings on Nez Perce claims entered in the adjudication.

The issue was heard last month and Wood is working on his ruling.

The ruling is expected this week. Wood's dark Ted Booth said.

Meanwhile, in addition to earlier disclosures, Wood late last month disclosed additional water rights held by his family - rights

the tribe says are in direct conflict with his claims.

In his disclosure, Wood said his sister Sharon Backus and her husband, G. Lynn Backus of Sparks, Nev., own interests in two operations in central Idaho that have claimed water rights in the adjudication.

Those claims are in conflict with the tribe's claims, the tribe

claimed in its response to Wood's supplemental disclosure.

No one disputes that Wood and his family members own water rights subject to the massive water rights adjudication. But the sides don't agree on the significance or what ought to be done.

The Nez Perce, which raised the

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

SERVICES

Eileen C. Brundt of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel; friends may call one hour before the service at the funeral chapel.

George O. Wallace of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel.

Dale Eloise Ott of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Karma Porter Floyd of Gooding, graveside service at

noon Wednesday at the Franklin Cemetery in Franklin; friends may call from 1-4 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Elene Sims Rogers Gruewell of Post Falls, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley Third Ward LDS Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

James T. "Jimmy" Moore of Idaho Falls, and formerly of Paul, services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at

the Teton LDS Church; friends may call from 7-8 p.m. today at the Bidwell Funeral Home, and one hour before services Wednesday at the church.

Elle M. Pedersen of Hansen, services at 1 p.m. Saturday at Shoshone Falls. A private Irish wake will follow for family members (White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls).

John L. Howe of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. March 19 at the Grace Baptist Church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

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JEROME



Earl Jensen

Earl Jensen, 93, of Jerome, died Wednesday, March 1, 2000, at his home.

He was born December 11, 1905, at Newton, Utah, the son of William and Olive Beck Jensen, and was reared and educated in the Logan area. During his senior year of high school, Earl won the District 10 basketball championship and went to Salt Lake City for the State Championship, where he won second place. In 1925, he enrolled at Utah State University and majored in Business Administration. It was here that he met Melvina (Molina) Hulker, and they were married on June 20, 1928. Following college, he was employed as an accountant at the Hudson-Essox dealership. Later he worked for S. Kress Variety Store at Lewiston. Earl was fortunate that he met Mr. M. H. King, owner of King's Variety stores. Earl went to work for King's in Burley, working there for three years. In 1935, Earl and Melvina moved to Jerome, where they bought the Jerome King's Store, and have remained there for 35 years. For a number of years, he also was a manager-trainer for King's. Earl joined the Jerome Rotary Club in 1964, became a Paul Harris Fellow in 1981, and always served as president of the club. He served as president and then was secretary for 20 years. In 1984, Earl received the Jerome Chamber of Commerce "Lifetime Achievement Award." He was active in church, was instrumental in founding the unit for St. Benedict's Hospital, and served on the hospital board foundation for eight years.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Ruth Russell (nee Jensen); two sons, Earl and Marita Conley of Tocoma, Okla.; Memorial services for Earl Jensen will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Long-Term Care Unit.

She was born December 18, 1913, on a farm east of Eustis in Gosper County, Nebraska, the daughter of Christian and Emelle Zeeth Schmeekle. She was baptized on January 23, 1914, by Pastor Kressel and confirmed on June 17, 1925, by Rev. Carl St. John's Lutheran Church in Eustis, Nebraska. She attended Eustis High School. She later moved to Buhl, Idaho, to help her sister and family. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Buhl, and a lifelong member of the "Tuesday Club." It was on June 23, 1939, that she married Carter Dee Owen. They married and raised their family in the Buhl area.

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She was preceded in death by her parents; six brothers; and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 1 a.m. Thursday, March 9, 2000, at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Jeffrey Dicks officiating. Interment will be at a later date. Cremation preceded the services, and no viewing is planned.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to the First Baptist Church, or a charity of one's choice.

BUHL



Marie Owen

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Legislature mulls farm labor issues

BOISE — The House Agricultural Affairs Committee has opted for more study of proposals for extending the state's minimum wage to farmworkers and licensing farm labor contractors.

Monday's unanimous vote for creating an interim legislative committee to study the issues came as hundreds of farmworkers and their supporters, fresh from a rally on the Statehouse steps, crowded into a tiny hearing room.

Chairman Doug Jones, R-Filer, had a speaker placed in the hallway so those unable to squeeze into the room could hear the debate.

The panel first voted 7-4 against lifting agriculture's exemption from the requirement that most employees receive at least \$5.15 an hour, then 8-3 against legislation that would have made farm labor contractors subject to licensing and regulation by the Department of Labor.

It was the third year in a row that minimum wage was the major legislative focus of organization representing farm workers and many of them Hispanics — who finally would unionize under Idaho's worker compensation law in the 1996 session.

The debate has boiled down to arguments on one side that most farmworkers already are paid more than the minimum wage and on the other that an average wage higher than the minimum does not account for an unknown number of workers who in some cases are paid less than \$2 an hour.

"The basic issue is whether it is morally and politically right to end the exclusion of farmworkers from Idaho's minimum wage law," Maria Gonzalez Mabbitt, cochairwoman of Idahoans for Farmworker Minimum Wage,



Legislative briefs

said in testimony prepared for Monday's hearing. "I believe that all of us in this room know that this legislation will pass. The question is not if this legislation will pass, but when it will pass."

The Agricultural Affairs Committee voted 10-2 against two farmworker minimum wage bills last year. But despite picking up two votes this year, the die appears to be cast on the issue, at least for now.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has said clearly he considered the proposal's timing inappropriate as Idaho farmers and ranchers continued struggling with depressed commodity prices.

Wood Jobs

BOISE — The Idaho House has approved legislation aimed at providing a small incentive for employers to create jobs in the beleaguered forest products industry.

By a 43-22 vote on Monday, the House forwarded to the Senate a bill creating a \$500 income tax credit for each new employee added to the job rolls of any business that produces, assembles, fabricates or processes wood products.

The proposal's sponsor, Democratic Rep. Charles Cuddy of Orofino, said it was simply an effort to help a resource-based industry who has fallen hard times with timber supplies pinched by federal land management policies and environmental

mandates.

And — the industry is depressed the likely cost to state coffers are not more than \$175,000.

But critics said the state should not single out a particular industry for such tax benefits. And Rep. David Callister said the bill's definition of "new employee" actually could include existing employees.

"It doesn't grow the industry whatsoever," the Boise Republican said. "It enriches the industry, but it doesn't grow it."

Religious Freedom

BOISE — Ignoring warnings that it elevates religious freedom above all other rights, legislation advocates maintained only restored the religious freedom to its legal status of a decade ago was overwhelmingly approved on Monday by the state Senate.

"Does it hamstring the government? Yeah, a little bit," Republican Floor Leader James Risch of Boise told his colleagues.

"But if you want to protect religious liberty, this is a good way to do it."

The bill, sent to the House on a 31-4 vote, is intended to accommodate 1990 and 1997 U.S. Supreme Court decisions that lowered the relative level of legal protection for religious activities and belief against intrusion by state or federal law and held that the states, not Congress, were in the best position to correct the problem.

Eight states have adopted the legislation, but skeptics warned that it was fashioned in a way that could allow people to use their religious beliefs to justify discrimination against others in areas like housing or employment.

— Compiled from wire reports

Jerome water bills might go up again

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

Council meets

25th Wedding Anniversary
Earl & Cathy Traxler

Open House at

Immaculate Conception Parish

1631 Poplar Street, Buhl, ID

Sunday, March 12, 3pm - 6pm

A buffet will be served.

In other business:

The council will consider a franchise agreement with TCI Cablevision to provide city residents with cable television.

• Resurfacing of Eighth and Date streets may be in the works. If approved the money would be available in 2003. The proposed resurfacing project is expected to cost \$1.1 million and require a \$120,000 match from the city.

The council will consider a service proposal from Green View Spraying Service for weed and feed on the grass at the library and parks; the proposal totals \$1,208 for the growing season. Green View submitted the low bid.

DeAngelis Brothers has submitted a low bid for the contract for weed control for roadsides and alleys, in the amount of \$4,614 for the 2000 summer season.

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Food packing firm brings jobs to Rupert

By Thomas Morning
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — The recent acquisition of a Boise-based food company will bring 45 new jobs to the Rupert area later this month.

Magic Valley Foods,

owned by Roger and Nancy Jones of Rupert, recently purchased Silver Creek Inc., the potato company of Quality Produce of Idaho, Idaho Fresh Prep, and Utah-based Silver Creek Produce.

Roger Jones said work began last month on a 15,000-square-foot processing facility in Rupert. The building will service a growing demand for prepared fruits and vegetables sold under the Idaho Fresh Prep and Silver City Fresh Prep brands.

"If we get the acquisition will enhance our ability to value-add to our fresh fruits and vegetables, including potatoes," said Roger

Jones, who declined to say how much the acquisition cost to build.

The building is scheduled to open March 20.

The Joneses own Magic Valley Foods of Rupert, a potato processor, Rolland Jones Potatoes of

Rupert; a fresh packer of

potatoes, and Magic Miles Limited, an export and import firm.

The Joneses also own farming and trucking operations in Rupert and Glendale Ferry.

Rick Vycital, the general president of Silver Creek Inc., said the acquisition by Magic Valley Foods will help that company diversify itself even further.

The acquisition will enable Silver Creek to add to the existing product lines with prepared meals, frozen, fresh and microwavable items, Vycital said.

Vycital, who will remain with the company through June 1 and will remain active on a consulting

basis thereafter, also says the acquisition will enable the company to pool resources such as advertising, distribution and procurement to better serve customers and stay competitive in the marketing of its products. The Silver Creek facility in Boise will continue to produce 200 different items for the food service market.

Jana Chalfant, the former business manager and corporate secretary for Silver Creek, will assume the job of president.

Chalfant has nine years experience with Silver Creek and is the daughter of Roger and Nancy Jones.

Longtime employee Debbie Mancas will assume duties as general manager of the Rupert operation. Mancas has been employed in the sales and procurement departments of Rolland Jones Potatoes, Roger Jones said.

Undersheriff makes bid for boss' job

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Cassia County's undersheriff has declared his bid for the county's leading law enforcement position, while the sheriff himself says he might not enter the race.

Cpt. Jim Higgins announced Monday his intent to run for sheriff, after what he described as several months of urging from community members.

"I appreciate the support everyone has given me, and any more I can get," said Higgins, who will run on the Republican ticket. At the same time, Sheriff Billy Crystal said Monday he is "leaning toward not running." Crystal, who has held that post for 15 years, decided to consider further and said he may have more to say in the next few days.

Higgins said Monday he has always maintained he would never run against his boss and friend, for whom he has great respect.

"It's tough to run against your friends," he said.

Crystal said his wasn't aware of which candidate intended to run when he declared his candidacy. When Higgins approached Crystal Friday about his own intentions, Crystal had not indicated his leanings one way or the other, Higgins said.

But Crystal gave Higgins his OK so he could enter the race with a clear conscience, Higgins said.

Cassia County has a good sheriff's department, Higgins, who said he only wants to improve upon it.

"I do not anticipate any major changes with any department," Higgins said.

In addition, Higgins says he has the experience for the job. In the 30 years he's spent in law enforcement, 14 have been with the Cassia County Sheriff's Office. Before that, Higgins worked for the Burley Police Department before it merged with the county. He was a lieutenant for 17 years and has been the county's undersheriff for the last two years.

He received his associate of arts degree in law enforcement from the College of Southern Idaho, attended the FBI national academy, received an advanced certificate and a management certificate through the Sheriff's Officers Standards and Training Academy. A graduate of Burley High School, Higgins is also a Vietnam War veteran and is married with eight children. He said he volunteers his time coaching soccer and is a former member and president of the Kiwanis Club.

"I try to help out in any way I can," Higgins said.

Crystal earned \$44,519 for his job, but county commissioners could adjust the salary in accordance with experience.

Because he will be out of town the next few days for a governor's conference, Higgins said he will not actively begin his campaign until Friday.

The only other announced GOP candidate in the sheriff's primary is George Warrell Jr., a Cassia County sheriff's deputy.

Burley City Council considers pet ordinance

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

SURLEY — The City Council will be drafting its sixth amendment to a proposed pet ordinance in the next two weeks, with the hope that this time everyone can live with it.

The decision came after an hour of debate, mostly generated by people in the audience who had served on the committee charged with amending the ordinance.

The draft considered by the council Monday evening was not the same ordinance that came out of several meetings, committee members contend. And those people wondered just what their participation amounted to.

The committee was only one voice, said council member Dave Ringle, who had chaired the committee. Ringle said he has also fielded numerous complaints

from people in the community with a different sentiment than the committee.

The ordinance before the council Monday night required licensing for cats, an increasing pickup fee with each additional time a pet is picked up by animal control, and permitted owners to humanely trap cats on their private property.

Betty Barrett, who also was on the pet ordinance committee, supported a nuisance provision in the ordinance.

City Attorney Randy Stone said nuisance laws are unenforceable regarding cats because it's so difficult to prove who owns a roaming cat.

City Council member Curtis Mendenhall said permitting trapping would lead to a "round-up and kill campaign" of cats.

At the end of the evening, the ordinance was sent back to the city attorney for revision with

several suggestions made by Mendenhall.

Those suggestions included: nixing the cat trapping; making licensing voluntary; eliminating the pickup fee; excepting every unspayed pet, except for purebred breeding animals, to be spayed or neutered before it leaves the shelter; and requiring collection of dog feces.

Some audience members had accused council members of harboring cats, of targeting a few while punishing the many. At one point Mayor Doug Manning admonished everyone to stop "the finger-pointing" and to debate the issue as adults.

Meanwhile, council member Jon Anderson encouraged the impassioned pet owners to "keep these fires burning" on other issues — the city budget, for example — that typically draw little public comment.

good planning."

Darrington's legislation is one of a number of pending bills to appear at the Statehouse designed to enhance temporary regulations adopted last fall by the Division of Environmental Quality. Those rules have been approved by the germane committees in both houses of the Legislature and will be adopted as permanent rules for the industry.

objected because the bill did not impose a complete ban.

Advocates maintained it was a step toward avoiding potentially significant environmental problems from animal operations with wastes tainted by heavy metals.

"If a county wants it, a county can still have it," Democratic Leader Clint Stennett of Ketchum said. "This just provides

the farmed land were leased to a neighbor. He also disclosed that family members had filed claims in the adjudication.

Wood, who is prevented from commenting on the issue, was appointed to preside over the adjudication in January 1999. The adjudicator covers more than 150,000 water right claims in 38 of the state's 44 counties.

The Nez Perce had filed 1,113 claims to water in the Snake River as part of adjudication. The tribe

rights implied a water right to sustain the fishing rights.

Opponents to the tribe's claims have said they could, if granted, affect every other water right in the Snake River Basin.

On Nov. 10, 1999 Wood said an 1893 agreement legally reduced the Nez Perce reservation to just a fraction of the land the tribe originally inhabited — and he ruled that the tribes were not entitled to water in the Snake.

Twenty-eight lanes will give more people a chance to bowl, Studer said.

"For many years people didn't want to bowl because bowling alleys were so packed with leagues that people couldn't get in," he said. "Now there are more bowlers than there have ever been."

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"I just had a sheer miracle that Mr. Bush got off in this case facing the death penalty for murder," Lothrup said. "It's a sheer miracle that no one died that night."

Though Smith and Hamrick survived the gunfire, they still live

in the same house in which the

couple once lived, and the couple

are still close, though separated by distance.

"It's been a real blessing," Hamrick said.

Lawrence Wall performed.

"We have a lot of memories there, but memories don't pay the bills," said Holland, who also has been Cassia County assessor since 1986.

Holland's grandfather, J.M. "Dell" Holland, held wrestling matches and roller-skating parties during the week. It was converted to a bowling alley in 1956.

The Rupert Bowl has been open since 1953. But not all are pleased about the town's only bowling alley closing.

"We are really disappointed," said Chris Jackson, Rupert Renaissance coordinator. "We thought (Studer) was a vital part of our community."

The Rupert Renaissance promotes Rupert business and revitalization.

Studer was a big supporter of the Organization of Rupert

Businesses and of the Rupert Renaissance, Jackson said.

"It's a rough enough recreation for children in town," he said for the Renaissance group, Jackson said.

Jackson said she understands the need for a business to grow, but Studer would be missed.

"We not only lose a business, but we lose a great person active in our community," Jackson said.

The building could lend itself to a lot of potential as a youth center, Studer said.

"Hopefully someone will come in that will benefit the community," Jackson said.

People in Rupert hate to see a business move out, Mayor Audrey Neicher said.

"I wish the city had the money to buy it," she said. "One patron suggested a youth center and swimming pool."

'Sail' from Navy sub will grace museum

community. The 22-foot-high, 60-ton sail — the part of the submarine that protruded out of the water when it was surfaced — will sit on a concrete foundation downtown Arco, where residents eventually plan to build the Idaho Science Center.

The sail from the nuclear sub

marine will sit in front of the proposed science center.

The sail is part of the nuclear submarine USS Hawkbill and will arrive late April. It will be shipped in two pieces, but the science center committee already has received some Hawkbill mementos.

Two Burley bowling alleys merge

By Loraine Cavener
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Y-Dell Bowl and the Rupert Bowl will be closing and their owners — once competitors — have teamed up to build the Snake River Bowl.

Marty Holland, owner of the Y-Dell, and Wally Studer, owner of the Rupert Bowl, said going into business together was the best way for their businesses to grow.

The facility, which will be built on Burley's north end behind K-Mart, will open in late July.

"If you don't have a 28-lane center in this day and age it's not good," Studer said. "Unless you're growing, you're going to go out of business."

Plans for the new bowling center include computerized score tables, bumpers on all 28 lanes and underground parking areas, he said.

"We needed to go somewhere central where people will go to instead of us," Studer said.

The new bowling alley's proximity to Century Cinemas movie theater makes the location a good choice, because they would complement each other, he said.

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Wendell, March 9
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Lincoln Lakes, Shoshone
Parcels, Jerome
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Magichords names BarberShopper of year

TWIN FALLS — Paul Bowman of Twin Falls was named the BarberShopper of the Year for 1999.

Bowman received the award from Rich Nystrom, show chairman of the Twin Falls Magichords chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America at the chorus' annual dinner Jan. 20, at the Jerome Country Club.

The award, the most prestigious in the society, is given once a year to the person whose contribution goes beyond normal membership requirements, the chapter says.

Bowman took over as chorus director at the beginning of 1999 and helped the chorus perform one of the best annual shows in many years, chorus members say.

Bowman has been a chapter and society member for only two



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Magichords

Paul Bowman, left, receives the BarberShopper of the Year award from Rich Nystrom with the Twin Falls Magichords.

years, but has shown all the enthusiasm and commitment of a seasoned veteran, the chapter says. He became assistant director after six months with the society and with his exceptional musical

abilities, replaced Paul Sharai, who stepped down because of a career change, as chorus director in March 1999, members say.

Bowman grew up in Michigan and southern California and after graduation from high school moved to northern California where he met his wife, Nancy. They have two boys, Matthew, 12 and Ryan, 9. While still in California, he was a choir director in the church he attended.

Bowman sings with the quartet "Give and Take" with Rick Carrico, Rick Sander and Rich Nystrom. The quartet performs year round in the area for many different functions.

Since becoming director, Bowman has written a show script, which the chorus plans to perform for its annual show in November at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center, the Magichords says.

ORATORICAL WINNERS

Adam Bair, center left, a Minico High School senior, won the American Legion Fifth District Oratorical Contest and the opportunity to compete in area competition Feb. 7 in Wendell. Ethan Mittelstaedt, center right, a Filer High School junior, took second place. He was sponsored by the Filer Post. Also pictured are Don Danner from Albion, left, Fifth District commander, and Dr. Darrell Hatfield of Declo, right, contest chairman.

Photo courtesy of Mary Lynn Danner



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

West Magic Lake Rec Club holds meeting

WEST MAGIC LAKE — The West Magic Lake Recreation Club will meet at noon Sunday at the West Shore Lodge at West Magic Reservoir.

Only 50 raffle tickets are left for the drawing for the snowmobile and trailer. The club members say, the public is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 487-1202.

Gooding school presents 'Bulletshot Crumm'd'

GOODING — The Gooding High School drama department presents "Bulletshot Crumm'd" at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday in the Gooding High School multi-purpose room at 1050 Seventh Ave. W. in Gooding.

"Bulletshot Crumm'd," a comedy by Ron House, Diz White, John Neville-Andrews, Alan Sherman and Derek Cunningham features a dinner show on Saturday, starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner includes bulletshot chicken or trout, baked potatoes, green beans, tossed green salad, dinner rolls, sparkling cider and coffee. The play is produced through special arrangements with Samuel

French Inc.

Cost per person for the Friday show is \$10 adults and \$3 for students. The dinner show is \$15 singles and \$25 per couple. Dinner reservations must be made by Wednesday.

For more information call Cora Caldwell at 934-4831.

Magic Valley Rose Society hears about watering

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Rose Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

A program will be given by Ken Himpler on "The importance of water for roses." Business will include discussion about paver walkways surrounding the rose gardens at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

People interested in roses or in joining the Rose Society are invited to attend.

For more information, call 733-7115 or 734-7203.

Blaine County Middle School presents 'Big River'

HAILEY — Blaine County Middle School students and the Wildfire Theatre present "Big River" at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at the Sun Valley

Opera House.

"Big River" is a musical version of "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

Adult tickets for Friday and Saturday are \$12, and tickets for students under age 14 are \$8. Sunday tickets for adults are \$10 and \$5 for students under age 14.

Gooding Senior Citizens host flea market

GOODING — The Gooding Senior Citizen Center will host a flea market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at its location at 308 Senior Ave. in Gooding.

Household items will be for sale. Soup, salad, cinnamon rolls, and beverages are available at an additional charge.

People may rent table space at the flea market to display merchandise.

The senior center also has a bingo match at 6:30 p.m. Fridays. The public is invited to attend.

Free tax preparation is available to people 60 years of age or older and low-income people at the Gooding Senior Center.

Call to make an appointment between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information, call the Gooding Senior Center at 934-5504.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive

Dinner served from noon to 1:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Tuesday: Fried chicken, potato and gravy, mixed veggies, cole slaw, rolls, fruit, dessert.

Wednesday: Fish or pork chops, potatoes and gravy, green bean, tossed salad, muffin, dessert.

Thursday: Finger steaks, potatoes and gravy, biscuits, carrot salad, bread, pie.

Friday: Fish or chicken, mixed veggies, fruit salad, rolls, chocolate pie.

Monday: Chicken fried steak, baked potato, California vegetables, cole slaw, fruit, cookie.

Activities

Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Blood pressure check at noon.

Tax assistance, please make appointment.

Wednesday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Eels card club.

Thursday: Pinocchio at 1 p.m.

Friday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Blood pressure check at 10 a.m.

Tax assistance.

Lunch bingo.

Monday: Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Foot clinic, make appointment.

Saturday: Fund-raiser, baked ham and beans, V-8 juice, carrots, green salad, corn bread, fruit; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.

Activities

Thrift shop open every day.

Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

tion is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.

Tuesday: Beef stew, corn bread.

Thursday: Pork chops. Beef goulash over noodles.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals are \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12 years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride.

Tuesday: Meat loaf, potatoes and gravy, creamed peas, Jell-O salad, roll, chocolate pudding cake.

Wednesday: Hamburger casserole, tomato, Jell-O salad, custard.

Thursday: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, salad, rolls, birthday cake, ice cream, smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.

Friday: Spaghetti, green salad, mixed vegetables, french bread, fruit.

Saturday: Fund-raiser, dinner, entertainment, magic show, 6:10 p.m.

Sunday: All-you-can-eat baked ham at 1 p.m.

Monday: Ham and beans, V-8 juice, carrots, green salad, corn bread, fruit; smorgasbord at 5:30 p.m.

Activities

Thrift shop open every day.

Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday: Exercises, 7 to 8 a.m. Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., make appointment.

Wednesday: Crafts, 1 p.m.

Bingo, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Exercises 7 to 8 a.m., and at 10 a.m.

Bus to Jackpot, \$5, leaves at 3:30 p.m., sign up.

Thursday: Exercises 7-8 a.m.

Blood pressure check at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: Birthday dinner sign-up.

Bingo 1-3 p.m.

Evening meal 5:30 p.m.

Cards at 6 p.m.

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Activities

Wednesday: Blood pressure check.

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Friday: Bingo at 11:55 a.m.

Volunteer tax preparation starting Tuesday, Feb. 8, for seniors and their families.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call Ageless Senior Citizens at 423-4338.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St., Kimberly

Wednesday: Spaghetti.

Friday: Chicken fried steak.

Monday: Cook's choice.

Activities

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Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m.

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SERVICE NEWS

Twin Falls resident accepts appointment as recruiter

Frank Shaske III has been appointed as a U.S. Air Force recruiter at the Twin Falls office of the US Air Force.

Shaske is the son of Frank and Darlene Shaske of Hollister.

Johnson enters basic training in South Carolina

Army Pvt. Kathryn M. Johnson has entered eight weeks of basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Johnson is the daughter of Gladys J. Everhart of Mullen, Neb., and David S. Johnson of Buhl.

The private is a 1999 graduate of Buhl High School.

Westby works on board Navy dock landing ship

Petty Officer Third Class Thor A. Westby, the son of Andy and

Kay Westby of Elko, Nev., is serving aboard the USS Portland, homeported in Little Creek, Va.

He graduated from Green Valley High School in 1994 and joined the Navy that same year.

Westby works as a hospital corpsman on the dock landing ship.

The landing ships were developed during World War II to transport and launch loaded amphibious craft and vehicles and embark personnel for amphibious assaults, the Navy says.

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COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY

eBay deal will simplify payment

Sellers on online auction site can now accept credit cards

Knight Ridder News Service

On eBay, it's easy to bid on anything from a \$6.95 grandfather clock to a Hallmark Snoopy cookie cutter, starting for \$9.99. The pain is in the pocketbook.

About 90 percent of sales on the popular online auction site are paid with checks or money

orders because few sellers accept credit cards. Nearly a year ago, eBay bought a Redwood City company to solve the problem and this week it finally rolled out a new credit card service.

eBay said its Billpoint subsidiary has teamed up with Wells Fargo to make it easy for sellers to accept credit cards. As part of the deal, Wells Fargo has agreed to purchase a 25 percent stake in Billpoint, which eBay acquired in May 1999, for an undisclosed sum.

The principle behind Billpoint's credit card service is simple. Sellers sign up with the service and list the items they are auctioning. Buyers enter their credit card information, which Billpoint can keep on file, when they've placed the winning bid. Billpoint handles the job of checking buyers' credit cards and depositing funds in sellers' bank accounts.

Crane said that because Billpoint approves buyers' payments and notifies sellers of those approvals within seconds, sellers can quickly ship the merchandise — speeding up the entire process. Right now, many sellers

won't ship a item until a buyer's check or money order arrives and is cleared.

Billpoint, which has been testing its service with some of eBay's high-volume and veteran sellers since Thanksgiving, plans to charge sellers a flat fee of 35 cents and 3.5 percent of the transaction value for all sales over \$10. The service is free for buyers.

To encourage sellers to test the system as it rolls out, Billpoint is waiving fees for the first three months.

Paper or plastic? Palm and Filofax lovers square off

Passionate about Palm

I got my Palm III a little more than a year ago after pinning for one for months. It wasn't because I wanted a more efficient organizer — I wanted a piece of the information revolution to carry around, and that's just what I got for \$329, in all its buggy glory.

At least I managed to avoid the fate of a colleague whose Palm disabled the modem on her desktop computer. When we tried to fix it, her computer refused to boot, and she had to get a new one. But it was an old computer anyway, so the Palm practically did her a favor.

Much more than a Filofax on steroids, the Palm is in essence a computer for those of us who don't get enough of them at work and at home. I love computers, so I love the Palm.

Of course, many people who own personal digital assistants, either the Palm, made by 3Com, or rival models made by Casio, Hewlett-Packard and Compaq, probably do use them as glorified Filofaxes, wowed by their ability to store more phone numbers than anyone ever needs.

For me, the brilliant thing about these PDAs is that they connect to desktop computers and, through them, to the Internet. That means I can download news, newspapers, games, and other downloaded things into the little darling's two-megabyte memory.

And if I want to communicate



Peter Svensson

my happiness, I can do that too. E-mails I write on the Palm get sent when I connect to a desktop computer, and new mail gets transferred to the Palm so I can read it on the subway.

Then there are the programs. A lot of them. There are thousands available for free or for small fees on the Internet. There is software to help you tally golf scores, calculate annuities, play Bartleby, and more.

The Palm has been praised for its convenience and ease of use, and I guess the basic organizer functions are pretty easy. But when you try to take advantage of all its possibilities, you realize it's still a work in progress, a little trip into the future. And that's where some of us want to be.



Rachel Beck

accessory of today's high-tech generation. I've decided to stick with my Filofax. It may not be the status symbol it was just a decade ago, but it suits me just fine.

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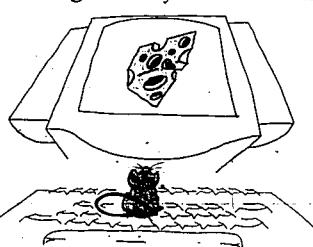
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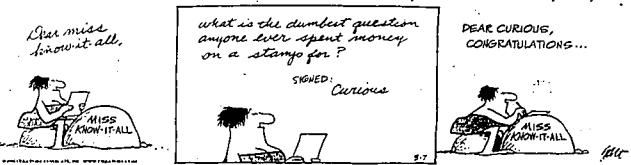
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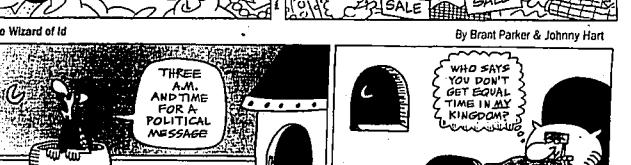
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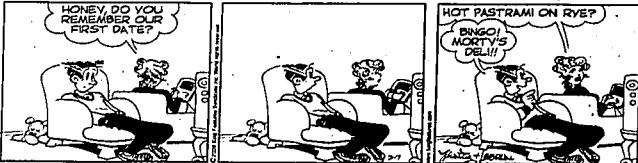


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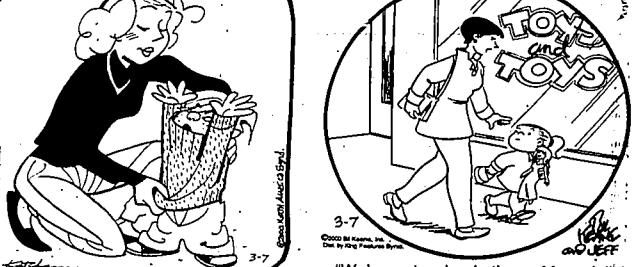
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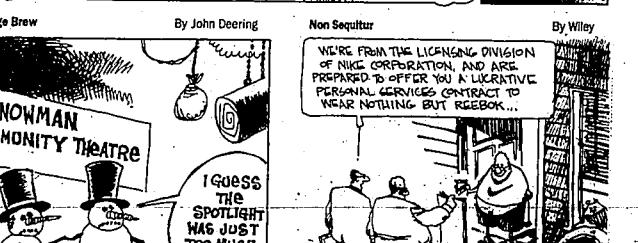


"We're not going in there. Your doll already has more clothes than I have."

By Pat Brady



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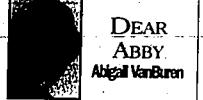
Wife fears husband is buying secretary's pitch

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a national sales manager for a company that participates in frequent out-of-town trade shows. These events are held in luxurious hotels and involve entertaining at the local restaurants.

Lately, he has been bringing his secretary, who is half his age (and mine), to these shows — even though she is not in sales and has no role there other than being agreeable to customers. That was formerly my role, but I seem to have been replaced.

Although she has women friends in the company, she regularly has lunch with my husband unless he is otherwise engaged. They share a small office where they chat about much besides business, including our personal life. Opinions I have confided in her get back to me through her other acquaintances.

I think that the relationship has passed from professional into intimate, but my husband says



DEAR
ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

I'm crazy. He thinks only a sexual relationship is "intimate," but I think emotional intimacy often evolves into a sexual relationship, and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Do you think I'm wrong?

— FEELING REPLACED
IN ATLANTA

DEAR FEELING REPLACED:

I think you are 100 percent right, and if your husband's secretary is accompanying him on business trips and assuming the role you once played, it may already have crossed the line. I have often said that the most erotic organ in the human body is the human ear —

and if he's filling hers with intimate details about your marriage, that in itself is a betrayal.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for printing my letter about having been thanked for my service in the war, and for your supportive comments. It was reassuring to read them, for I was a bit concerned after writing to you — I wasn't sure what to expect.

I had intended to send the letter to my local newspaper, but then I thought that if this gesture of thanks meant so much to me, it might be of comfort to veterans nationwide. The same day that the letter appeared in your column, I received two telephone calls from the East Coast!

Since then, many more letters of thanks have been received since. The thought that many other persons may have read the letter and then taken the time to thank a veteran has been most rewarding.

I intend to respond to everyone

who has contacted me. Abby, I believe, has you and I have touched the hearts and minds of this nation. On behalf of those veterans whose services have been recognized, I thank you again.

— OSCAR ORTIZ,
SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR OSCAR: I, too, believe your letter touched the heart and conscience of our nation. Since your letter appeared in my column, I have received many dozens of letters from veterans who have been thanked for their service to our country — and the letters are still pouring in. They touched MY heart, each and every one!

CONFIDENTIAL TO 'CUTTING A FEW CORNERS' IN COLUMBIA, MD.: I'd advise against it. The saddest day in the life of a man is when he's sure he's discovered a way to make money without working for it.

Earless dragon reroutes Queen Elizabeth II's plane

CANBERRA, Australia — A rare lizard with no ears has forced organizers of Queen Elizabeth II's visit to Australia to reroute her flight.

The Eastern lined earless dragon, an endangered species, lives near Canberra Airport, where the queen had planned to start her two-week trip March 17.

But accommodating her Boeing 747 would require a runway. Because the lizard is a protected species, access to the runway would have to go through a lengthy consultation period before they could be approved. So the queen's plane will touch down in Sydney instead.

LA Laker Kobe Bryant speaks Italian, basketball jargon

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant has learned the language of basketball, showed off his command of Italian, and even sang a few tunes in Spanish. Bryant offered a few lines in Italian, translations from his first album, "Visions," to be released in June. Bryant, 21, spent eight years as a child in Italy while his father was establishing himself as a basketball star, and he speaks fluent Italian. "I would like to get back to do something in that culture," he said.

After his NBA career is over, Italy's the place where he would like to live, he said.

— compiled from wire reports

Aries: This is your day to shine; jump to correct errors Capricorn

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Sydney Omarr

do with time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Like it or not, you will be chosen as replacement for individual responsible for many lives. Do some research.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Blend showmanship with publicity — you'll be involved in major project that could earn money, prestige. Focus on promotion, production. Capricorn represented.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Finish what you start, aim high, you are regarded in special, positive way. What was lost will be recovered. Aries, Libra persons play roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Provide enlightenment, serious political dispute need not end friendship. By practicing restraint you win argument and respect. Leo plays dramatic role.

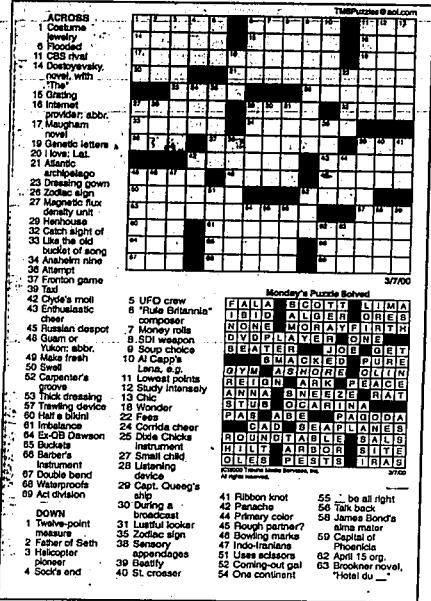
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): People attempt to impress you that they are key to your future. Smile and say, "Maybe." Focus on cooperative efforts, partnership and marriage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You run to intellectual curiosity. Insist on answers, not evasions. Individual seems intent on putting something over on you. Enough is enough.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You've been up this road before — familiar faces, places. You have proverbial second chance to correct past errors. Do so, and do it swiftly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Relative you haven't heard from in some time will call. Be generous, understanding, let it be known, "I have missed you."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Reach agreement with one who makes grandiose claims. Focus on timepieces, flowers, music. Be kind and you will gain. Otherwise you lose. Choice is your own.



Color me jellyfish green

Humans are the only primates with pigment in the palms of their hands.

Q. Any truth to the claim that a 10-gallon hat can hold about as much water as a pelican's bill?

A. None. A pelican's bill holds much more water than the hat — about three quarts.

Hidden camera studies show girls smile more frequently than boys.

Those who count things say each of your feet touches the ground, floor, pavement, whatever, about 7,000 times a day, if you're reasonably active.

Q. Can oysters see?

A. Images, no, but like worms, they sense light and dark.

Item No. 7314C in our Love and War man's file is the observation of French novelist Anatole France: "Of all sexual aberrations, chastity is the strangest."

A potato that glimmers green

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when it needs water? A sprout with needs that glow green for Clue 1. To find the answer, correspondents in England ask, I believe both of these were created recently in British experiments with the green constituents of jellyfish genes.

Snake research suggests one tablespoon of cobra venom could kill people.

Not much is written about the 100 or so golf courses run by the U.S. Army, and maybe that's for the best.

Latin Proverb No. 5843B: "He who walks with the lame learns how to limp."

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ROUTE 549

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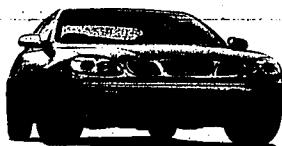
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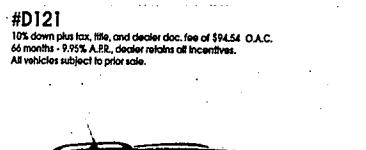


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Section D

Time to say so long medley, hello 4x800

Conversations with area coaches over the past week have revealed that the medley's 3,200-meter relay monster has reared its ugly head once again.

Purists say don't change. The medley is Idaho tradition. The medley is arguably the most exciting event of the first day of the state track and field meet.

Realists think otherwise. They say there aren't enough events for distance runners.

The 4x800 relay would cater to their needs.

"Let's put this one under the microscope."

The boys' medley, for those of you who don't know, includes two 200-meter legs, followed by a 400 and concluding with the 800; the girls go 100-200-200-400. Essentially, if a team is within striking distance when the anchor runner grabs the stick, it wins. That's no secret.

Now in good hands-off, a few other tangible items, and you have the makings for a competitive, exciting race. Plus, the 800 isn't really a distance race. This former 800 runner considers it a long sprint, and many collegiate competitors agree. And on the girls' side, find me someone who considers the 400 a distance race.

The fate of the medley team literally lies in the racing shoes of the anchor runner, at least for the boys. A 1:56 fourth man 40 yards behind certainly is going to run down that 2:01 anchor man in the lead. But a 60-second girls' anchor would have a hard time gunning down the 62-second No. 4 runner from a similar distance.

Advantage purists.

The 4x800 is the consuming. Four boys in the 2:05 range totals more than eight minutes. And four girls in the 2:35 range exceeds 10 minutes. Compared with the medley times, you're adding more than 10 minutes to Jan already long meet. But the distance runners would have something besides the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs.

Advantage purists.

How many small schools across the state have four boys or girls who would be willing to run the 3,200-meter relay? Some teams don't have distance runners period. So to say we need another distance event would refer to the big schools, those who have the numbers to field a competitive team (the key word here is competitive).

Advantage realists.

I have a soft spot in my heart for the - as we used to call it - two-mile relay. As a freshman, I had three seniors - one of whom was my brother, John - won the indoor sectional championship in a respectable 8:19. I ran the second leg in a then-personal-best 2:09 and John brought us home in 2:03. It was something we shared that brothers should share. An incredible moment. A once-in-a-lifetime achievement.

Advantage realists.

The only way to really find out if the 4x800 would work would be to experiment with it. In one year, the Idaho High School Activities Association and state track coaches will institute this relay in place of the medley. See how it goes, gather feedback and then decide if it should be continued.

To talk about it for as long as we have is getting nothing accomplished. Make a decision once and for all. Experiment with the 4x800 and bug the medley for a year.

It's the only way we'll ever be able to decide if the medley should be retired.

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Bate steps down from CSI post

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The rumors had circulated for weeks, and it was something that had been discussed last season. Monday, Joel Bate made it official: After seven years, he's stepping down as head coach of the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team.

"My reasons for leaving are two-fold," Bate said. "I'm 40, raising a family, and I'm just getting to the point where there are some other avenues that I'd like to investigate."

The second thing is my folks are getting to an age where I'd love to spend some time with them."

"That's very important to me."

The former Bishop Kelly High School coach and last year's Scenic West Athletic Conference women's Coach of the Year leaves CSI with a .649 winning percentage (144-78). His regional crown and trip to the NJCAA national tournament from last season, Bate will remain on the staff as an English professor through at least the end of the winter semester.

Teaching, he said, is something he's always done.

"Coming here, it's not so much that I've been teaching basketball. Hopefully, I've just been a teacher," Bate said. "I'll always consider myself whatever I do."

CSI Athletic Director Jeff Duggan said the school wants Bate to remain.

"We're looking to Joel extremely hard to stay with us," Duggan said. "The future is up to Joel now."

Bate walks away from about \$45,000 a year as head coach, Duggan said.

"I think with whatever you do, it gets to

a point where you know it's time to look at something else," Bate said.

Gazing around the president's board room at the crush of CSI boosters and faculty members assembled, Bate's face flushed as he paused to reflect on his time at the school.

"I've made some good friends, had some wonderful boosters come and some great colleagues that I'll miss," he said. "I'm looking at a lot of options. I've got a great English department that I'm involved with here, and looking at the option of staying here to teach is very attractive."

Asked if he'd be satisfied with being a spectator, Bate said he would, for now.



Joel Bate pauses during a news conference announcing his retirement as head coach of the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team. Bate said he hasn't decided whether he will stay on at the college as an English teacher.

So I will be satisfied with being a spectator for now."

Duggan said that although Bate had turned in his resignation to he and college President Gerald Meyerhofer on Feb. 21, the search for Bate's replacement hadn't begun.

"As of now, the list is just now starting," Duggan said.

Asked if it was solely his decision, Bate

solemnly said it was.

"Absolutely," he said. "(Pressure) factors in for any coach any time. Like it or not, that's how you're judged - by what kind of record you put up, and it's never been anything the administration has put the pressure on me."

Meyerhofer said when first informed of Bate's decision, he tried to get Bate to change his mind.

"Never one time, did we ever think of this," he said. "Our conversations with Joel were to try and get him to change his mind. As far as I'm concerned, we're very fortunate to have Joel here."

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The Times-News

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Looking to improve upon their state third-place finish at the Class A state meet will be the Twin Falls girls. Three of the spring's varsity five are back from the squad, and hopes are high that two less experienced golfers will fill in the remaining slots.

"Only five girls came out, and that was disappointing," noted Twin Falls coach Paul Stover, who is entering his 19th year as Bruins head coach. "But once Kari and Emily get some experience, this could be a very good team."

In the A2 ranks, both the Filer and Buhl boys' teams enjoyed

success at last season's state tournament at Clear Lake Country Club, and hope to contend again this May. Filer will be gunning to match or top its second-place team finish, while Buhl junior Ty Popplewell has his sights set on replicating his top four finish of 1999.

Middleton's Trevor Mills took the state title with a 71, and Popplewell was just a stroke behind.

But the true A2 player to beat is Gooding senior anchor Tamara Thompson, last year's state girls' champion with a 74 to the second-place 76. Buhl's girls' team fared best among local A2 entrants, garnering four.

In Class A-3, combining traditional A-3 and A-4 schools, Murraugh's Brady Stanger, who finished fourth last year and took the District IV crown, returns as a senior. Declo and Valley, mean-

while, last year's third- and fourth-place teams at boys' state, return four and five varsity golfers each.

Oakley's girls' group rounds out the field of returning A3 contenders — and all of coach Jeff Harrah's top five are back on the course.

Class A-1

Burley Bobcats

Coach: Gary Hoxsey, 11th year

Returning boys: Nathan Lynch

(Sr., 1999), Matt Stoenhoel (Sr.)

Other boys: Mike Ramsey (So.), Joe Kamachi (So.), Von Williamson (Jr.)

Returning girls: Lucy Holmes (Sr.), Halle Moyes (Jr.), Asher Jones (Fr.)

Other girls: Chelsea Lynch (So.), Wendy Darling (Sr.), Kiley Mitchell (So.)

Outlook: Lynch and Ogle will provide sound senior leadership for the boys' team. But it may be a rebuilding year for the girls' team — a year freshman year, Hoxsey noted, and must

step up their game to be a force in the regional tournament. "The younger golfers must step up their play well," Hoxsey noted. For the boys, the team's underclassmen played in a number of tournaments last summer, which aided their development.

Jerome Tigers

Coach: Dale Mowrer, 20-plus years

Returning boys: Craig Morgan (Sr.), Matt Stoenhoel (Sr.), Josh Hugley (Sr.)

Other boys: Matt Stoenhoel (Sr.), Jacob Smith (Jr.), Eric Lindgren (Jr.), Garrett Martens (Jr.)

Returning girls: Nicole Paulson (Jr.), Keeley Osborne (Jr.)

Outlook: On the boys' side, the Tigers boast several upperclassmen with solid experience, and several more underclassmen who should see significant growth. Lindgren arrives after a strong year, the only potentially surprising Jerome basketball team. For the girls, both Paulson and Osborne have been very versatile players since their freshman year.

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Knight Ridder News Service

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Vikings to Marino: Let's talk

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — At least one person in the NFL doesn't think Dan Marino is washed up.

Dennis Green is trying to lure the league's career passing leader to Minnesota, where he would become the Vikings' eighth starter in eight seasons.

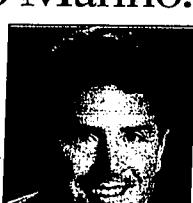
Marino, 39, is 33 this year and has spent his entire 17-year career in Miami. He is considering an offer from the Vikings, but also considering retirement.

The Vikings feature receivers Cris Carter and Randy Moss, but they also lost Pro Bowl offensive linemen Randall McDaniel and Jeff Clancy to New England.

Marino was offered Minnesota's starting quarterback job last week in talks with Green, two sources close to Marino and speaking on condition of anonymity confirmed Monday.

Marino, who has never won a championship, most likely will decide by the end of the week, one of the sources said.

The offer was first reported Sunday night by ESPN and Fox Sports Net, citing unidentified sources.



Dan Marino considering move to Vikings

"I'm just flabbergasted," Dolphins president Eddie Donato said. "I have no idea about Dan Marino and any report about him going anywhere. I know nothing about where Dan's head is at or what he plans to do."

But Jones said for the first time Monday that if Marino plays next season, the Dolphins want him.

"Danny has been told he can

come back," Jones said.

Green didn't return phone calls from The Associated Press on Monday. Last week, the Vikings' staff met to discuss the team's quarterback situation in light of heavy criticism of his declaration that Daunte Culpepper, his top draft pick last year, would enter camp as the projected starter.

But Green told WAFN Radio in Miami he'd love it if Marino and the Vikings pursue their elusive championship together.

"We think this is a perfect merger of a guy who wants one more year to get it done the right way and a team that's looking for that one guy who wants one more year to get it right," Green said.

The Vikings haven't offered Jeff George a contract, even though he's been coming along off the bench last season to replace Randall Cunningham, who was demoted 5.5 games into his new \$28 million contract.

George's agent, Leigh Steinberg, said he assumed the Vikings would make a push for his client's return once they freed up enough cash room. Steinberg said he was flabbergasted by the Vikings' pursuit of Marino instead.

SPORTS

Garrity's buzzer-beater helps Magic win

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pat Garrity made a fadeaway jumper from the top of the key as time expired to give the Magic a come-from-behind 87-85 victory over the Washington Wizards on Monday night.

Chucky Atkins scored seven straight points for the Magic to turn an 82-79 deficit into an 85-82 lead in the final minute.

Washington rookie Richard Hamilton made a 3-point shot with 10 seconds left to tie the score.

The Magic then called timeout and ran a play for Garrity, who got the ball at the top of the key, wheeled and threw up a jumper that went in as the buzzer sounded.

Bucks 111, Hawks 78

MILWAUKEE — Sam Cassell had 21 points and 12 assists and Glenn Robinson added 17 points as Milwaukee swept the four-game season series from the Hawks for the first time in team history.

Milwaukee, which had lost 10 of its last 12 games, also got 16 points from Tim Thomas. The Bucks outrebounded the Atlanta 51-21 in halving the Hawks' their second-worst loss of the season.

The Hawks, who have lost five of six and three straight on the road, were led by Lorenzen Wright's 14 points. Isiah Rider, who did not enter the game 1:31 remained in the first quarter, added 12 points.

Suns 100, Heat 92

PHOENIX — In the best game to date for Phoenix's so-called Backcourt 2000, Penny

Hardaway matched his season-high with 28 points and Jason Kidd handed out a season-best 17 assists.

Kidd also had 10 points and fell one rebound short of a triple-double. Tom Gugliotta added 15 points and Shawn Marion 13.

Seven players scored in double figures for the Suns, who have won 11 of 13.

Miami erased most of a 26-point first-half deficit but couldn't quite make it all the way back.

Alonzo Mourning, guarded by four different Sun defenders, had 25 points and nine rebounds. P. J. Brown added 22 points and Tim Hardaway had 10 points and 11 assists.

Spurs 106, Nets 104

SAN ANTONIO — David Robinson scored 25 points and Stephen Marbury tossed up a 29-foot airball with one second left.

Tim Duncan added 17 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs, while Avery Johnson had 16 points and 11 assists. New Jersey was led by Marbury's 34 points, while Keith Van Horn added 23.

After trailing 106-100 with 1:23 to play following a 3-pointer by Jaren Jackson, New Jersey closed to 106-104 on consecutive field goals by Marbury and Van Horn, the last with 37.9 seconds remaining.

Following a San Antonio turnover with 19.9 seconds to play, Marbury dribbled into traffic and lost control, but the ball went out of bounds last touched by the Spurs. After a timeout, Marbury took the inbounds ball and pulled up from five feet and pulled up from five feet behind the 3-point line, missing by about a foot.



San Antonio's David Robinson drives past New Jersey's Jim McIlvane during the second quarter of Monday's game at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

Golf

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Milne Spartans

Coach: Kelly Arent, 3rd year
1999 finish: Boys' qualified for state; Girls' qualified for state.

Returning boys: Andy Jensen (Jr.),郝·Cressey (Sr.), John Harper (Sr.) Other boys: Brian Anderson, Fred Simpson, John Hansen, Greg Dean.

Returning girls: Kirby Gillette (Jr.), Kathleen Miller (Sr.), Heather Stevenson (Jr.), Lindsay Egbert (Jr.) Other girls: Amy Neibur, Samantha Stanger.

Outlook: Despite losing several top golfers last year, the Spartan girls' and boys' teams entered this season with expectations high. As in the previous years — Jensen, Cressey and Harper for the boys; Gillette, Miller, Stevenson and Egbert for the girls — will provide the team strength necessary to have a successful season.

Twin Falls Bruins

Coach: Paul Stover, 19th year
1999 finish: Girls' 3rd at state
Returning boys: Michael E. Estes (Sr.); Brett Klaeske (Jr.); Cory Nunnelley (Jr.); Marc Vedder (Jr.).

Other boys: Brian Keith (Jr.); Brian Flinn (Jr.); Nathan Boyd (Jr.); Chris Jerome (Sr.).

Returning girls: Jennifer Heisberg (Jr.); Jenni Robinson (Jr.); Monica Venn (Sr.).

Other girls: Katie Berriochero (So.); Emily Stanger (Sr.).

Outlook: The Brain boys are starting out the season with five experienced golfers as well as several other solid players with the potential to play well. The girls' team has had a mix from last year's regional team. "It should be fun determining who gets to play every week," Stover said. "This group of girls has the potential to do very good."

Meanwhile, out of the five girls that are playing this season, three — Hedges, Robinson and Venn, younger sister of former Brain standout Melissa — return from last year's state third-place team.

Class A-2

Hulu Indians

Coach: Mel Hines, 6th year
1999 finish: Boys' 1st at state; Girls' 4th at state.

Returning boys: Jake Kunz (Sr.); Ty Popplewell (Jr.); Rod Poulin (Jr.); Brian Bingham (So.); Kyle Amoroso (So.); Brandon Quigley (Jr.).

Other boys: Matt O'Dell (So.); Matt Donnan (Jr.); Chris Watson (Sr.).

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Fifer Wildcats
Coach: Dennis Mai
1999 finish: Boys' A 2-state runner-up.

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Returning girls: Amanda Hovey (Sr.); Linda Janak (Jr.); Erin Andrews (Sr.); Nycti Mestas (Sr.); Rainbeam Long (So.).

Outlook: Both the girls' and boys' teams are going into the season with confidence and experience. If they continue to improve as they have in the past, their season will be successful.

"The pressure will be on the boys that play the fourth and fifth positions," Mai said. "The addition of three freshmen to the team will add more depth."

Gooding Senators
Coach: Chris Comstock, 2nd year
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Wendell Trojans
Coach: Steve Matthews, 4th year
Returning boys: Brett Lancaster (Sr.); Matt Solomon (Sr.); Pete Van Dyke (Jr.).

Other boys: Adam Vanderham (Jr.); Bill Strunk (Sr.); Alex Voeltz (Sr.); Steven King (Sr.).

Returning girls: Kristin Koning (Sr.); Other girls: Rhonda Bunn (Jr.); Shay Scott (So.).

Outlook: The Trojan boys are looking forward to a successful season, according to Matthews, and offer the needed experience for a strong team. Lancaster's game should be in the top 30, while the girls' game is on 18. The girls' team, however, has one returning golfer, Koning, who is playing a solid game already, should finish strong. "We'll take anybody who is willing to try," Matthews noted. "It has been tough to put together a girls' team."

Class A-3
Declo Hornets

Coach: Lynn Payne, 2nd year
1999 finish: Boys' 3rd at district, 4th at state.

Returning boys: Jeff Stoker (Sr.); Chase Wilson (Jr.); Adam Priest (Jr.); Adam Janak (Jr.).

Other boys: Greg Edger (So.); Colby Homan (Jr.); Eric Shain (Jr.); Jenelle Brink (Sr.).

Returning girls: Bethanie Jackson (Sr.); Linda Edger (Sr.); Jenelle Brink (Jr.); Jill Harrington (Jr.); Kristi Pausch (Sr.).

Other girls: Brandi Wrenschay (Sr.).

Outlook: Both the boys' and girls' teams are returning several experienced players to support the Hornets, and the girls' team is on 18. "It is an area of great teamwork and determination should allow both teams to have a successful year," if they can play together and determine, they should play well," Payne said.

Colo. High Hornets

Coach: Jeff Harrell, 4th year
1999 finish: Girls' 2nd at district, 4th at state.

Returning boys: A. J. Robinson (Sr.); Other boys: Joe Johnson (Jr.); Sarah Lloyd, Emily Bedke, Maggie Smith, Jennifer Abbott, Abby Washburn.

Other girls: Bailey Lutterm.

Outlook: The Red Devils will have a lot of experience and are looking to improve last year's season finish. The girls' biggest challenge this season will be inexperience, but the two returning players should provide stability.

Stewart was first at district in 1999 and finished fourth at state.

For the girls, Widner took first at the district level and second at state. "The boys bring a lot of experience, and we hope to learn from them and pass it along to the girls," Widner said.

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IOC puts off Gospers decision

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Powerful Olympic executive Kevan Gospers quit the IOC's ethics commission Monday and faces an outside investigation of allegations he and his family made about excessive gifts from Salt Lake City officials.

It had been widely expected that the ethics commission would clear Gospers on Monday, but the panel decided to appoint an "independent expert of high reputation" to review all the documents and facts of the case involving the IOC vice president who is Australia's highest-ranking Olympic official.

Former United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar was appointed as a go-between in contacts with the independent expert. Gospers said he expected the process to last 4-6 weeks.

"We have a feeling Mr. Gospers is totally innocent of the allegations," Perez de Cuellar said. "At the same time, we think it is in his own interest to have this process carried out in a very exhaustive manner." The IOC dismissed suggestions that Perez de Cuellar had prejudged the case.

The IOC said the independent

expert will be appointed "as soon as possible" based on proposals of two of its members, former Sen. Howard Baker and former French Justice minister Robert Badinter. The expert will give conclusions and recommendations to Perez de Cuellar, who will make his own report to the full commission.

Gospers has been under scrutiny for a trip his wife and two children made to the Deer Valley ski resort outside Salt Lake City in December 1993, and for a visit he made to the city in 1995. Both trips came while the Utah capital was bidding for the 2002 games.

Since last October, Gospers' \$31,000 in expenses for the two visits, Gospers and other IOC officials contend the expense claims were fraudulently inflated.

"I'm a little disappointed the matter wasn't resolved today," Gospers said. "But you know, we're not fast movers, and I'd much rather a proper outcome and a complete outcome in my mind, as well as the commission's interest. In the end, I'd rather wait and have a stronger outcome."

Gospers was one of the key figures behind last year's creation

of the ethics commission, a semi-independent eight-member body set up following the vote-buying scandal centering on Salt Lake's successful bid for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Six IOC members were removed from four-were forced to resign for accepting cash, scholarships, lavish gifts and other inducements from Salt Lake bid administration.

The IOC has repeatedly cited the ethics commission as a key element in the Olympic organization's efforts to clean itself up and prevent similar abuses.

But critics have questioned the credibility of the commission, especially after the panel suggested in December that its mandate did not include dealing with any new cases stemming from the Salt Lake scandal.

Questions have also been raised about Gospers' close friendship with panel chairman Keba Mbaya.

Gospers is a contender to succeed IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch when he completes his final term in July.

"I believe I will be free to fight for the ideals of the IOC and myself if ever I seek to run for higher office," Gospers said.

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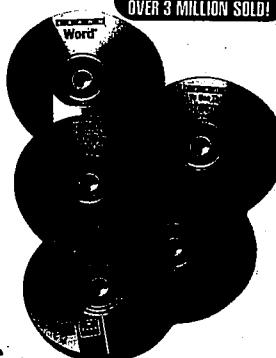


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